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In 2013, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation had a \$558 million economic impact in the State of Oklahoma. This economic impact includes \$71 million in wages and benefits that directly support more than 2,200 jobs and purchases contributing to a \$408 million impact on the local economy.

“Building a strong tribal economy is important for us and our future and it’s a good thing for our neighboring communities and state as well,” said Tribal Chairman John Barrett. “Keeping our tribal dollars local is important and has a lasting impact. Our success is good for both our tribe and for our Oklahoma neighbors.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation exercises governmental jurisdiction in portions of Pottawatomie, Cleveland and Oklahoma counties. With more than 2,200 tribal employees, CPN is the largest employer in Pottawatomie County and has created 70 percent of net new jobs in the area for the past decade.

“Our history of job creation is a great example of how our success is good for our neighboring communities,” added Barrett. “We’re keeping people from moving out-of-state by providing opportunities here at home. Our employees’ contribution to local sales tax revenue means millions of dollars for rural economies.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation is responsible for a variety of services including healthcare, elderly programs, social services, education and housing. In 2013, CPN health facilities had more than 11,613 physician visits, 5,018 dental visits, served 13,000 meals to the elderly, assisted 20,000 families through Indian Child Welfare, provided 3,200 scholarships and assisted with housing costs for more than 1,300 people.

“These services help ease the burden on state resources,” added Barrett. “We cannot be all things to all people, but we strive to take care of our Tribal members and fellow Oklahomans whenever possible. Our goal is to help create a more healthy and vibrant community. Our services ease the burden on the State of Oklahoma.”

Citizen Potawatomi Nation businesses include grocery and travel, dining, shopping and entertainment and banking. FireLake Discount Foods is the largest tribally owned grocery store in the United States. First National Bank and Trust Company is the largest tribally owned

national bank, and has branches at Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Headquarters, Shawnee, Holdenville, two in Lawton, Granite and Mangum, Okla. CPN also operates two casinos, entertainment venues, retail shops, fuel and convenience stores, golf courses, museums and a hotel.

“In addition to employing people here at home, our businesses create a significant tourism draw for Oklahoma,” added Barrett. “We’re proud to have hosted state

championships at our ball fields, the Jim Thorpe Games at our arena and the PBA Summer Swing at our bowling alley. In addition to those events, we bring in hundreds of thousands of visitors to our gaming and entertainment venues.”

CPN contributed more than \$2.4 million to local non-profits in Pottawatomie County, provided \$239,118 to Oklahoma schools and made \$26.5 million in tax payments, and payments in lieu of taxes in 2013.

“Without doubt the Citizen Potawatomi Nation provides a unique economic advantage to not only Shawnee, but to the region and state as well,” said Tim Burg, executive director of the Shawnee Economic Development Foundation. “Their impact as this area’s largest employer is felt far and wide, providing a multitude of benefits to those employed by their enterprises or to those who provide services to them. Without question they are a great example of tribal business success and prosperity.”



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THE POTAWATOMI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The 6-week Potawatomi Leadership Program (PLP) brings 8-10 promising young tribal members from around the world to Shawnee, Okla., to learn about the government, culture and economic development of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation (CPN). At its core, the PLP strives to give interns an accurate perception of the CPN as a whole, and cultivate talent from within to ensure younger generations are prepared for a role in the future governance of their tribe.

PLP participants spend their days visiting tribal departments to hear directors and employees explain their roles. Between those sessions, participants tour tribal enterprises and attend board meetings. They also connect culturally by learning about their family heritage, participating in tribal ceremonies, attending language classes, and learning traditional crafts. If an intern has not yet received a Potawatomi name, he or she will have the opportunity to do so.

As potential leaders of the tribe, interns undergo extensive leadership training. They begin the summer by taking an assessment to discover individual strengths, and recurring workshops help them understand how best to develop those skills. Weekly talking circles offer a space to process their experience and tackle complex issues such as the intricacies of cultural identity, the qualities of effective leadership, and the promotion of tribal engagement. Additionally, Citizen Potawatomi Nation government officials such as the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and legislators share their unique perspectives on tribal leadership.

At the end of the program, participants leave their own mark on the Tribe by applying all their newfound knowledge to a practical project, for which they design a creative way to tangibly enhance, develop, or add to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. In a final program presentation, students have the opportunity to share their final reflections and completed projects with tribal leadership.

For more information about the program, articles about PLP alumni and pictures, visit plp.potawatomi.org.



Nick Smith

Allen, Texas

Nick Smith faced a choice between a summer move with his family to California or the Potawatomi Leadership Program. After a couple weeks of helping prepare for the move though, he decided a trip to Shawnee, Okla. as a PLP member might be a nice change of pace.

Speaking in the final days of the 2014 PLP's activities at the CPN Administration Building, it appeared the Anderson-family descendant's decision worked out. In his final remarks reflecting on the six-week internship, the cellular and molecular biology student from Texas Tech University remarked that his time at the CPN Health Clinics provided an insight into a unique health care system. For a pre-med like Smith, it was an eye opening experience.

"I really liked how CPN structures their healthcare system," Smith said. "It's something I had not even heard of before, but having seen it first hand, it is really interesting to me to compare it to what is out there now."

Smith, who admitted that his attendance at previous Family Festivals strictly centered on playing in the golf tournament, said that his time as a PLP filled in some gaps of his identity.

"I never took the time to find out more about my family history, the Tribe's culture or even the history of the Tribe. However, these questions lingered in my mind. I continuously assumed that one day, when I was older, I would take the time to answer them. Little did I know, they would be answered in the summer of 2014."



Adam Basappa

San Francisco, Calif.

Adam Basappa has a poker face most Hold 'Em players can only dream of. This is a trait that will serve him well on his path studying communications at the University of San Francisco.

This Juneau-family member is the nephew of two CPN Legislators, one of whom named him Kises Gichida (Sun Warrior). Basappa saw a six week internship in Shawnee as an opportunity to spend his vacation in a useful manner.

"I wanted to spend my summer wisely and not waste it. I thought in applying I could do something beneficial and get paid for it too," he said.

His sister previously went through the program and enjoyed her experience learning about their family's history. Basappa found that the Potawatomi Leadership Program's restructuring in recent years focused less on this particular aspect and rather gave students a wider view of the Tribe's overall operations.

A result of that restructuring turned out to be an opportunity for Basappa. While touring FireLake Discount Foods, he learned about the Tribal-owned radio station KGFF, which is located inside the store.

"I spent the early hours of July 30 on air with Mike [Askins] and Wayne [Griggs] at KGFF on their morning show," Basappa said in his final PLP project presentation. "It was the ultimate test of my abilities in the field of broadcasting. I know that even though it went well, there is always room for growth and improvement and I am forever thankful that I had an opportunity like that."



Parker Lewis

Paris, Texas

Though he conceded that his only previous stint in Shawnee, Okla. was on the way to a ski trip, Parker Lewis figured he might spend the last summer before college there.

"I saw the Potawatomi Leadership Program flyer in the mail, and knew within a couple of minutes that I was going to apply," he said.

Despite some hesitance from his parents, who understandably wished to have him spend his summer closer to home, Lewis closed out the 2014 PLP session feeling closer to the Tribe than he'd anticipated when he applied for the program.

"I felt like it would be a job," recalled the Burnett-family descendent. "I honestly didn't realize how much fun it would be."

A student of mechanical and energy engineering at the University of North Texas, Lewis noted that the most enlightening parts of the program were the talking circles where PLP members and counselors exchanged thoughts and ideas on a host of topics.

"Whether we were talking about our Native identity or the Tribe's future and its leadership, it was just refreshing to hear other people's points of view. Listening to each other's ideas and thoughts made us all a lot closer and feel more connected."



Isaac Morris

Ada, Okla.

Isaac Morris didn't have far to travel for his time as a member of the 2014 Potawatomi Leadership Program. Hailing from Ada, Okla., Morris is a member of the Bergeron family and is studying history and political science in his hometown at East Central University in preparation for an application to law school.

Like most college students, Morris' inspiration in applying was admirable for its honesty, saying "I wanted to get out the house for the summer and help the Tribe."

It was a brave step considering his preconceptions of a program that had him passing time in a windowless office for eight hours a day. As the session closed out though, Morris admitted that the reality was a bit different than he'd anticipated.

"We were in meetings," he said, "but not for very long. And most of them were interesting. Plus, I don't know of any internships where they offer stickball."

The traditional game of stickball was a revelation to Morris who has been invited to play for the Chickasaw Nation's stickball team following an exhibition this summer between it and the PLP students.



The PLP students played against the Chickasaw stickball players for the Annual PLP stickball game.

To see the Class of 2014's PLP Final Presentations, visit http://plp.potawatomi.org/presentations_2014



Lydia Davidson
Seattle, Wash.

Like her fellow West Coast PLP classmates, Lydia Davidson summed up her preconceived notions of a summer internship at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, saying, “I came to Oklahoma with the impression that it would be how I envisioned Kansas to be: dusty, dry, hot, without Wi-Fi or cellphone service. The CPN that greeted me on my first Monday of work was a large enterprise that despite its vastness, still managed to capture the family aspect and cultural teachings of the tribe.”

A Kennedy and Weld descendent, Davison says her expectations were exceeded because “there are green trees, never a dust storm and the weather never broke any heat records.”

Raised around members of the coastal tribes near Seattle, Davison credits the PLP program with giving her a chance to reconnect with her family’s Tribe and learn its history and traditions.

Davison and project partner Kristi Melot laid the foundations for a future smartphone app that Family Festival attendees may use to register, learn about regalia, connect with family and follow the schedule at the annual event.

It was an easy transition for the University of Washington student who is studying Human Centered Design and Engineering, named Gdede Mned O Kwe (Otter Spirit Woman) for her playfully independent attitude and leadership qualities by Sharp House Mother Margaret Zientek.



Kristi Melot
Hobbs, N.M.

Kristi Melot is majoring in Business Studies at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. Entering her second year in college, the Melot-Bergeron family descendent expressed a common answer amongst this year’s PLP participants in both its authenticity and practicality in explaining why she signed up for the six-week internship at Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

“I expected it to be really hot, and boring and that I might be stuck in a boardroom for eight hours a day,” said Melot. “But I also thought that it’s somewhere to get away and it will look good on a resume.”

Initial expectations aside, Melot explained that while the professional internship aspect was a driving factor in applying to the PLP, the expanded knowledge she received was an invaluable gain during her time in Oklahoma.

“For me personally, though there were some slower times, it has been really interesting for the most part. You just take in so much knowledge; it is a real learning experience.”

According to the Hobbs native, going through the traditional sweat lodge, full moon and the naming ceremonies were all incredible experiences, both for their distinct differences as well as their similarities.



The PLP class met with Harvard's Honoring Nations Committee after their final presentations.



Jacki Nadeau
Unity, Maine

Jacki Nadeau is a 19-year-old from Unity, Maine. The Nadeau-family member is a student at Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond, Okla. where she is majoring in Family Studies and Child Development with a minor in Psychology, an academic path inspired by her enjoyment of working closely with people.

She learned of the Potawatomi Leadership Program from the initial flyer mailed out to prospective candidates, saying that upon seeing it her first thoughts were “Cool! It takes up the whole summer. I’ll do it!”

Nadeu says she had no expectations as to what the program would be like, and had only been to one prior Family Reunion Festival at the age of 15. Looking back as the program concluded though, Nadeau said her only two regrets were how long the PLP orientation took and her lack of sweatpants to combat the unseasonably chilly July.

Like many who have never experienced its open atmosphere, Nadeau appreciated the talking circle and moon ceremonies that PLP students were introduced to as part of their cultural awareness.

“It’s just really nice to know you have those ladies there for you,” Nadeau said prior to the end of the PLP program. “It was really inspiring and sweet, and is something I won’t forget.”



Brook Nakvinda
Ringwood, Okla.

Brook Nakvinda took her mother’s advice and applied for the summer’s PLP program. One could sympathize with the Oklahoma State University student wanting a slower pace during the summer vacation ahead of a year studying chemical engineering.

Nakvinda echoed the thoughts of many her fellow PLP classmates in thinking the internship program would consist of eight hour days behind a desk. Nakvinda found however, that was not always the case. Her time at the CPN Eagle Aviary was her fondest memory as she watched the eagles, each with distinct and forceful personalities, go about their daily lives.

As the program progressed she found avenues to learn more about her descendants, making inroads into less-than-clear Wano family history. During a program assignment that involved students interviewing an elder, Nakvinda described her own family’s history.

“When my grandma was younger, she did not want anyone to know of her Native American heritage,” explained Nakvinda. “A little over ten years ago though, the Wano family was honored at the annual Family Reunion Festival. This was the first time my grandma attended and when she found her first sense of pride in the tribe.”

Six weeks as a PLP has Navinda following the example her grandmother set at her first Family Reunion Festival, as she continues to stay connected with the Tribe.



Moniece Venegas
Cathedral City, Calif.

Thoughts of tornadoes and sudden thunderstorms couldn’t keep Moniece Venegas from applying. Oklahoma, unlike the Dust Bowl-era reputation that many of her fellow Californians still picture when hearing of the state, was even greener than she expected due to a wet summer.

Venegas had a unique guide in learning more about her tribe: her own mother, who had not known she was a tribal member until the age of 18. When in her twenties, she registered herself, her mother and brother, Moniece and her sibling.

“I feel as though she put a lot of effort into making sure her kids, myself included, were registered and knew that we are Native Americans,” said Venegas in her presentation on the PLP elder interview assignment.

Also like her mother, Venegas wishes to one day work for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians in Palm Springs, a goal that was a driving factor in her participation in the 2014 PLP class. The Trombla-family descendent studies math at the University of San Bernardino in her home state, and like her classmate Isaac Morris, cites the game of stickball against the Chickasaw Nation team as her most memorable experience.



Brook Nakvinda, Moneice Venegas and Lydia Davidson present ribbon shirts and shawls to the Harvard delegation.

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Bob Moody.



The CPN Veterans Color Guard.



CPN's Curtis Wright, a veteran of the Battle of the Bulge, was honored by the gathered Potawatomi Nations at the Aug. 8 powwow.

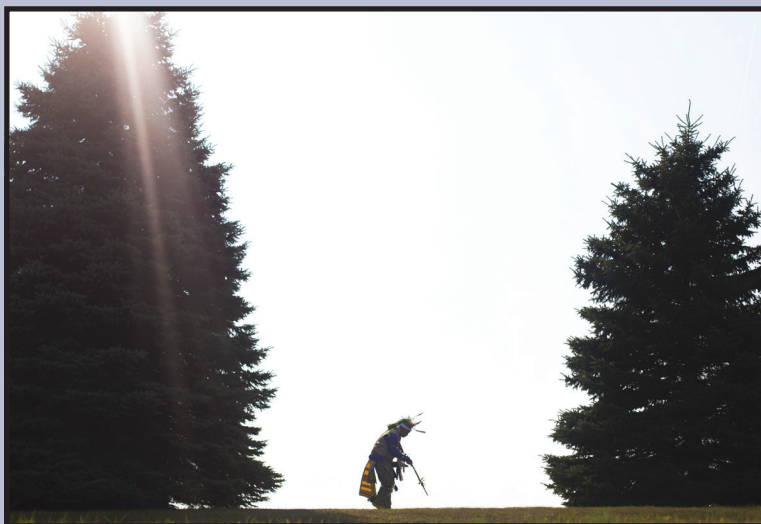
Gathering 2014



Margaret Zientek, Stephanie Hawk and Tesia Zientek at Grand Entry.



Ohio's Janet Pearl strings together her own traditional hand drum.



CPN's Randy Schlactun.



Tribal Chairman Rocky Barrett.



CPN's Penny Coates, winner of the Most Glamorous Elder award.



This traditional wigwam had a fire burning throughout the week to give visiting Potawatomi a look at pre-European life.



The Gun Lake Potawatomi dance arena.



The staffs of the Potawatomi nations.



Theresa Talbot.



Jeff Martin of the Gun Lake Potawatomi.

More photos of CPN at the Gathering can be seen at <http://www.potawatomi.org/culture/gathering-of-nations>

Wdetanmowen/Kechitwawenindowen—Respect

By Justin Neely, Director,
CPN Language Department

For the next several months, I will be writing about traditional Potawatomi values. I will start out by saying that no one person has all the answers when it comes to traditional beliefs. There are many who have knowledge, and sometimes the way to learn more about the Tribe and our ways is to talk to different people. It’s by talking and living as a Potawatomi that you gain a deeper insight and understanding into what it means to be Potawatomi. The language can also help you to have a deeper understanding as to what was and is important to our people.

This first topic covers quite a bit. Respect is a complicated concept. It can mean to honor something or someone. Or it can mean to have reverence for something. An elder once told me that tobacco precedes all things. Therefore when you approach a traditional person and you have a traditional request, whether it be for an Indian name or for some other cultural knowledge, it is always respectful to offer that person tobacco first. What kind of tobacco is up to you. If you know the individual is a smoker, you might get them their favorite brand. If not, perhaps loose leaf tobacco. You could even make them a little leather pouch and put the tobacco in that.

We respect our elders. What does this mean and how do we acknowledge this respect? Today some of our elders may not have grown up with that traditional knowledge or in a household that practiced traditional beliefs. Sometimes they are a product of the boarding school era, where Indian children were taken from their homes at a very early age. Their hair was cut, and they faced beatings for speaking their own languages. They would then be sent home to their parents or tribe with no real understanding of traditional ways. The idea was to kill the Indian and save the man. This is something that some of our elders learned firsthand. In many cases, the chain of traditional knowledge was broken.

Here in Shawnee, Okla., we recognize an elder with a Pendleton blanket for being the oldest in attendance at our meetings. In the past, our elders were always the ones who knew our traditional ways, our language, our stories and how to conduct our ceremonies. When we had questions or difficult times, we would often consult with our

elders on what to do. The elders are the backbone of a community. Often the elders are the most active members within a community and have a lifetime of experiences with which to give insight to the next generation.

One way of showing respect to an elder is during meals. Make sure to allow your elders to go first. If you are a young person don’t rush up to the front of the line. If you see a *kekyat* (elder) that isn’t able to get a plate of food themselves, make a plate and bring it to them. But respect for our elders goes beyond this.

If you know of an elder that needs help cutting wood or mowing their yard, volunteer your time and help them. Perhaps you know some elders on fixed income, you could see if they need anything to eat and you could bring them a box of food. Traditionally we believe that a person will be rewarded for the way they live, so remember that you too will be blessed for helping your elders.

We also have respect for the dance arena and our ceremonies. We dress in an appropriate manner when we go to a dance or when we are a part of a ceremony. At ceremonies woman will often wear skirts and men will wear jeans or slacks. Woman can also wear slacks. I often tell people they should dress for ceremonies with the same level of respect they do when going to church. You shouldn’t wear flip flops, cut off shirts, bathing suits, skin-tight clothes or any type of provocative or inappropriate clothing. You do not want to distract from the reason you are there.

Respect goes beyond tribe and family to also include the earth. We traditionally view the earth and all around us as *jagenagenan* — all my relations. We are related to everything. The cedar tree is our brother, the water is our relative and the lifeblood of mother earth. Even something as small as an ant is a part of this greater circle of life, just like each of us has a purpose and reason to be here.

When we pick a plant in nature we will put down some tobacco first and thank that plant for giving its life so that we can live. When we go hunting and kill an animal, a traditional person will put some tobacco down and thank that animal for giving its life so that we will have food. Even when we pick up a rock to use in a sweat lodge, we will put down tobacco and thank that rock.



Respect for the naming ceremony, means honoring traditions as one learns them.

We also don’t take more than we need. You don’t hoard hundreds of eagle feathers, for example, just because you can have them. Instead give them away to other Potawatomi people who can use them. If someone needs something and you can help them, you do. We are a community. We are family. The most honored person in a community in days gone by might be someone who gave everything away so that others would come first.

Our traditional ways aren’t about “me or I.” They’re about us, our community and putting the good of the Tribe first while looking seven generations into the future and seven into the past. How are your actions today going to affect your child, grandchildren and great-grandchildren? How do your actions today embody the beliefs of your ancestors?

Respect can also involve our spiritual items such as eagle feathers, pipes, drums and the four main medicines of tobacco, cedar, sage, and sweet grass. The eagle flies the highest and carries our prayers up to the Creator. We have a story about how the world was going to be destroyed in four days, but the eagle intervened on mankind’s behalf and saved us. Therefore, we hold the eagle in very high regard.

When an eagle feather drops while a dancer is dancing, it’s a big deal because it represents a fallen soldier. Four veterans are asked to come out and talk to the individual who dropped the feather about the seriousness of

the occasion and make sure that the dancer understands that they must take better care of their feathers. It is important that the lesson of respect for our feathers in these instances comes from veterans because they are our warriors, just like the eagle.

In other situations, people will often smudge off their pipes and eagle feathers before using them. They will use sage to get rid of any negativity and sometimes they will mix other medicines in as well. Smudging is smoke that rises up that we run our spiritual items through before using them and something we do to people before entering a ceremony. We also bless certain areas such as the dance arena and even the room we do general council at before we start the meeting.

Traditional women would stay away from ceremonies during their moon times. They wouldn’t touch spiritual items such as eagle feathers, pipes, etc. It is said that during this time of the month women are extremely powerful. In the old days a separate wigwam would be set up away from the house and a woman would go there during their moon time. Traditional women would also not prepare food or touch any crops during this time period. Often times women would not fast because it was seen that they were reborn in many ways each month. Fasting could be done by both men and women and in many ways represented a death of self and a deeper sense or vision for the future.

Respect can be as simple as listening

to others and to their opinions. Sometimes all a person really wants is to speak and be heard.

Another example of respect is our ceremonies. We don’t tell others how to run their ceremonies. All you can do is share with someone the way you were shown on how to conduct different ceremonies. It is then up to that person to live their life in the manner they choose to. It’s not our place to pass judgment on them. At the end of the day it is up to the Creator to judge each of us by how we choose to live our lives.

If you don’t like the way a person is running their ceremony you don’t have to attend. But a traditional person would not tell everyone what’s wrong with this person’s traditions or that person’s ceremony. They might share their own experiences, but it is up to each individual to decide how they are going to live their own lives.

One thing to keep in mind as you learn more about traditional ways. Be patient. Many people get in a hurry and want to know everything right now. Often people will take that knowledge they gained and naturally want to share with everyone they know immediately. It’s not a race. You have an entire lifetime to learn about our traditional ways. Take your time. Go about it in a reverent and loving way and live a respectful life. You will be blessed for living in a good way.

Wadase Update: August 2014

By Jennifer Randell, Director,
CPN Eagle Aviary

The last time we had eyes on Wadase Zhabwe, she was circling high above the north end of the aviary pasture on June 23 before the CPN Festival. She had been in the area 11 days and we hoped she would stay through the weekend. However, after



Wadase sitting with her wings spread open to soak up the midday sun. Her GPS backpack can be seen still situated properly on her back.

downloading her telemetry, we know that she headed north again that same afternoon.

Just west of a little town named White Eagle near the Ponca Nation in northern Oklahoma, she has found a spot, that at least for now, she has claimed as her own. She spends her days hunting around a horseshoe bend in the

Salt Fork of the Arkansas River.

As we studied her telemetry over the past several months we noticed a significant pattern emerging. She has ventured away from the area several times to visit the aviary and to explore the region around her as far west as the Great Salt Plains Lake. Each time though, she has returned to that same area on the Salt Fork River. If this area on the river continues to be an ample food source there is a strong possibility that she has chosen a summer territory and that will stay. We are hopeful that she continues to follow her previous patterns and will return for a visit to the aviary in the coming month.

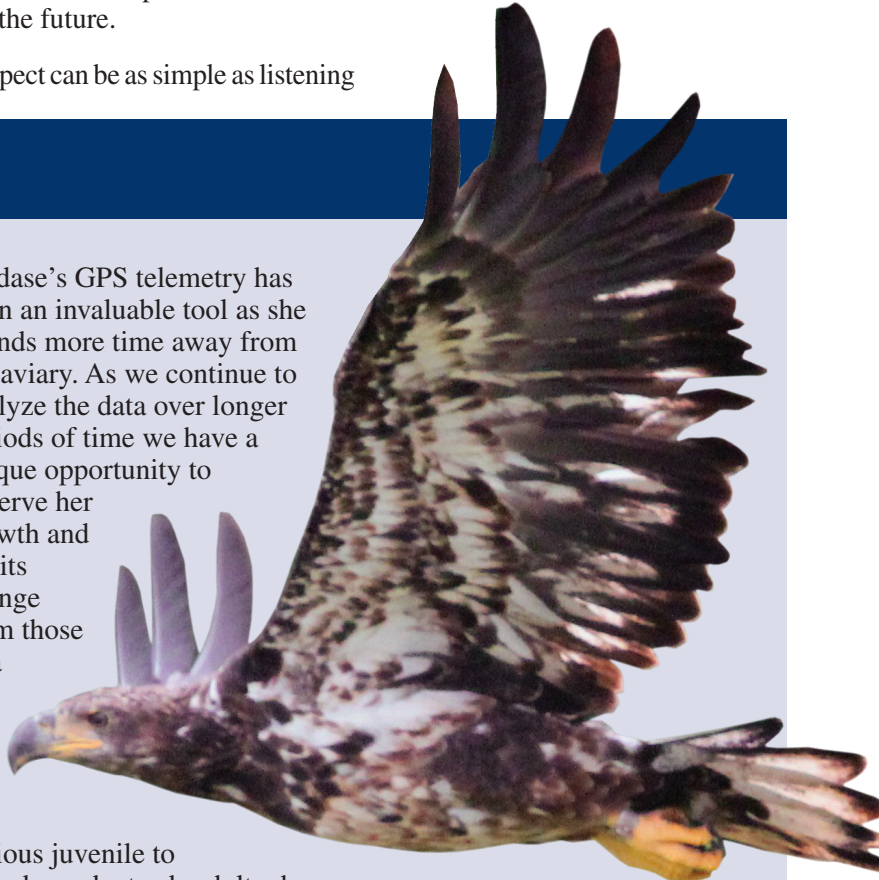
Until then we will continue to monitor her telemetry and learn from her daily movements. As fall and winter approach, we are anxious to see if she moves south or if she will stay year round in that area.

Wadase’s GPS telemetry has been an invaluable tool as she spends more time away from the aviary. As we continue to analyze the data over longer periods of time we have a unique opportunity to observe her growth and habits change from those of a

curious juvenile to an independent sub-adult who continues to thrive in the wild.

To view an online map of her telemetry data compiled since her release you can visit www.arcgis.com/home and search for “Potawatomi” or “eagle”.

For more information or to read previous updates please visit <http://www.potawatomi.org> and search the site for Wadase or visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/about-wadase>.



Dr. Macarty sees a great future at Citizen Potawatomi Nation

For a man who has seemingly been over all four corners of the state of Oklahoma, Dr. John D. Macarty O.D. finds his present position as a homecoming of sorts. Along with Director of CPN Health Services Tim Tall Chief and the staff at the CPN Health Clinic East, the Anderson family descendent has been working through the late summer to establish the tribe’s first optometry clinic.

“To come back to help my fellow Potawatomi, it’s something I really look forward to,” said Dr. Macarty in his newly remodeled office in the central hallway of the East Clinic.

Dr. Macarty originally hails from Midwest City, Okla., a suburb on the eastern outskirts of Oklahoma City. A graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, like many of the optometrists in the Sooner State, Macarty attended the well-regarded optometry program at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah, Okla.

“There are a lot of really positive aspects in practicing this particular field,” he explained on his decision to pursue a career in optometry. “The most obvious being you get to help people see better.”

It’s a simple way of looking at it, but the costs of deteriorating eyesight can impact patients and those around them in incalculable ways.

Now in his second decade in the medical field, Dr. Macarty has worked in both private practices and tribal-run clinics. He served at the Choctaw Nation’s Health Clinic in Idabel, an experience Dr. Macarty credited with focusing

on the particular health aspects facing medical providers in Indian Country.

“Given Native Americans susceptibility to diabetes and the impact that can have on someone’s sight, I have seen firsthand how big a factor that can be in treating a patient,” Dr. Macarty stated as he recalled his time serving the mainly Native American patients in the Choctaw Nation.

The new optometry clinic located at the CPN East Clinic and will be a full service stop for its patients. Dr. Macarty will be supported by two full time staff members, a clerk and optometry technician, each of whom will be cross trained in each other’s duties to streamline the process for patients. Appointments will allow patients to have their eyesight examined by a host of state-of-the-art equipment, including a Zeiss Cirrus HD-OCT, Humphrey Matrix Field Analyzer and an iCare tonometer which can detect early onset glaucoma, diabetes and other neurological ailments. Patients will also have the option to be fitted for new glasses in-house from a wide selection of frames including the Native Vision frame line which was designed by a Native American artist, Virgil “Smoker” Marchand. Though policies are still being finalized, the goal is for each CPN patient to have \$250 toward a new set of glasses every two years.

Though the breadth of an operation like CPN Health Services may result in a lengthier preparatory process for a brand new optometry clinic, Dr. Macarty says he doesn’t regret choosing a tribal run clinic after years of running his own optometry office.



Dr. John D. Macarty.



Patients will be able to choose from a large selection of frames.



The clinic has be fitted with the latest technology to serve patients.

“I enjoyed private practice but I really disliked the business side of it,” he explained. “I wanted to see and take care of patients, not deal with paperwork and insurance companies. Someone else helps

take care of that side of things here at CPN, and ultimately, it’s a great honor to serve the tribe I belong to.”

If you would like to learn more about the Citizen Potawatomi

Nation’s Health Services, or the new CPN Optometry Clinic, please visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/services/health/clinics> or call (405) 273-5236.

Go back to school in style with healthy lunch options



Child Development Center student Zoe Stuckey feels strongly about her strength and healthy diet.

With rates of childhood obesity and diabetes rising, now is the perfect time to reverse those numbers. CPN Dietitian, Torie Fuller MS RD/LD, offers ideas and knowledge on how to kick start those healthy habits as the school year begins.

“Some ideas to get your kids eating healthy are to be creative with your meal planning and buy fruits and veggies in season,” said Fuller. “Other things to do are buy fresh produce because it will last for more meals than box dinners or T.V. trays. “Also, don’t go to the grocery store hungry. Shop the perimeters of the store where all of the fresh produce will be.”

Another option that can help out in

terms of stretching your buying power is to purchase groceries in bulk, which can drive overall costs down. Buy vegetables and fruits in large quantities and cut and separate them when you get home. Remember, fruits and vegetables can be put into air tight containers and thrown in the freezer to be used at a later date. Parents can also encourage their children to help choose which vegetables and fruits they would like to have in their in lunches at the grocery store.

“Parents need to guide their children on eating healthier,” said Fuller. “Eating healthy and staying fit is a family affair. When everyone gets involved it makes it easier and more

fun to continue healthy habits.”

Children need the nutrients from healthy foods to help stay focused and concentrated on their school work. Eating healthy can get you through the day in contrast to over processed foods, which will only leave you satisfied for a short time. Start the new school year off right and engage the whole family in a healthier lifestyle by packing a healthy lunch.

For more information on how to live a healthier lifestyle and make better decisions on your lunch choices please visit www.choosemyplate.org.

Title VI regulars Doris and Carl Brenner celebrate 70 years of marriage

In August 1944, the Second World War was still raging, with Allied forces in France continuing to push east after the D-Day landings in Normandy and American forces seizing Guam back from Japanese control in the Pacific.

While the war dragged on and was never far from mind, positive news on the home front was still as welcome as ever, as Doris and Carl Brenner can attest. The Brennens, residents of Shawnee, Okla. are set to celebrate their seventieth wedding anniversary this August.

Doris, a member of the Weld family from Pauls Valley, first met Carl in 1943 on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. A member of the U.S. Navy, Carl was at the college training in electronics and was quartered in the women’s housing facilities.

Female students like Doris had consequently been moved to the empty male fraternity houses on campus to make room. Doris and her fellow housemates at Victory Hall 8 decided to have a dance with the newly arrived sailors and invited them to the event at the hall.

“They came into the foyer and I was upstairs,” recalled Doris. “I was looking over the guys as they stood down there and saw him and said to myself, ‘I think that’s the one for me’.”

It was love at first sight, as Carl later admitted that he had the same feeling upon seeing Doris for the first time.

The Brennens are regulars at the Title VI Elders program and were thrilled that their fellow program attendees were there to see them

off as the prepared to celebrate their seventieth anniversary in Paris, France.

Looking back at seven decades together, Doris and Carl say that the key to such a long and fruitful marriage was a simple one.

“In a marriage you can’t be a boss over anybody,” said Doris as she met well-wishers at the Title VI luncheon. “You need to have the realization that if you’re going to last, it has to be a partnership. And we are.”



Carl and Doris Brenner.



Above: George Hamilton, a pilot during WWII, was named Bmashi Ogichida.



David Barrett names Derek Skaggs.

CPN Veterans receive Potawatomi names

By David Barrett, District 10 Legislator and Treasurer, CPN Vets Organization

A special naming occurred on June 24, right before our 2014 Festival. Having been named many years ago by Chairman Barrett and Vice-Chairman Capps, I am able to name other individuals myself.

At the beginning of this year, during our monthly CPN Veterans Organization meeting, the process of being named came up. I informed them that there was a naming ceremony protocol and I would get that information to them. When approached again by the group, I was honored, since I am the Treasurer of the Veterans Organization, their CPN legislator and a fellow Potawatomi brother. Vice-Chairman Capps started off the naming ceremony by telling the creation story, thus allowing me to name my fellow veterans while she drummed. As far as I know, this was the first time a large group from the CPN Veterans Organization has been named by Vice-Chairman Capps and myself.

Let me share this event by telling you a little about those individuals:

Mr. George Hamilton was our eldest veteran to be named (knocking on the door of 98 years old). He was an Air Force fighter pilot during WWII, and is from the Burnett family. Vice-Chairman Capps and I were honored to name George Bmashi Ogichida, which means “Soaring Warrior.”

I was also honored to name Mr. Robert Barrett, who is my older brother. He was a Paratrooper in

the Army's 101st Airborne Division. He was a combatant Vietnam Purple Heart recipient. He is from the Bourassa family. Several members of our family have names with the word *spirit* in



Little brother David names Robert Barrett as Vice-Chairman Capps drums.

them, such as our great-great grandmother who was named Mnitouqua, or “Spirit Woman.” My name is Mnedobe, “Sit with the Spirit.” So we named my brother “Strong Spirit,” or Wishkmnedo.

Mr. Derek Skaggs was an Army scout and sniper. He comes from a rich line of Potawatomi descendants; Melot, Betrand, Beaubien, Vieux, Navarre, and Waubensee. He is an outdoorsman, and would love to fish the world. We named him Gigoket,

“He is a Fisherman.”

Mr. Tony Wano and his son Tharon Wano were the last to be honored. Tony served in the Army. His compassion shows in the fact that he loves animals and rescues them. So, we named him Bmenagot, or “He cares for animals.” Also, we named his son Tharon – who likes all sports, but especially soccer – Wiskjshipshe, which means “Fast Cat.”

If interested, you may request a naming ceremony protocol packet from the CPN Administration or from the person you want to name you.



Tony Wano, a U.S. Army vet, and his son Tharon each received their Potawatomi names.

Tribal friend and judge, Lawrence Wahpepah walks on

Lawrence B. Wahpepah, 90, passed away peacefully Aug. 28, 2014 at his daughter's home in Norman. Services were held Sept. 2 at FireLake Arena in Shawnee, with burial at the Dale Cemetery. Pallbearers were Josh Wahpepah, Nicholas Wahpepah, Bo Bear, Red Sky Wahpepah, Notah Wahpepah, Lancer Ringlero, Luther Ringlero, Everett Moore and Kendall Wahpepah. Honorary Pallbearers were Jack Bird, Richard Starkey, Ernie Palinkas, Clayton McCoy and Johnny Chakenatho.

Lawrence was born to Mary Menahquah and Frank Wahpepah, Sr. in McLoud, Okla. on March 16, 1924. He graduated from Dale High School and enlisted in the United States Navy, serving during World War II. On May 6, 2006, the Alaskan government issued a citation to veterans of the Aleutian Campaign, and in doing so they saluted Mr. Lawrence Wahpepah, “a veteran of the heroic effort that defeated and expelled invading Imperial Japanese forces from Alaska on Attu and Kiska Islands under extremely adverse weather and military conditions.”

Lawrence then began working at Tinker Air Force Base and married Francena Wahweahon on Sept. 4, 1949. Lawrence and Cena had three daughters.

Not only was Mr. Wahpepah a Little League coach, he served his community as the Mayor of McLoud. Mr. Wahpepah then did service as a tribal judge for the Potawatomi and Sauk and Fox Tribes.

He enjoyed golf and was out on the greens up until a few years ago. Mr. Wahpepah was a gifted athlete who tried passing on his talents to his daughters; fortunately, his grandchildren inherited those skills. Lawrence loved watching sports, particularly his grandchildren in action, but also the New York Yankees, OU, OSU and Notre Dame basketball and football. Mr. Wahpepah sang at many pow-wows and enjoyed sitting around the drum with his fellow singers.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his daughter Betty; his parents; his sisters Orpha Mae Creek and Linda Wahpepah Whiteman; and his brothers Gordon Wahpepah, Warren Wahpepah, James Wahpepah and Frank Wahpepah, Jr.

Lawrence was a true Kickapoo warrior and gentleman who was a role model for not only his




Lawrence Wahpepah.

family but for his community as well. No matter where he traveled, he never met a stranger. He will be forever missed by his family and friends.

“So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

Survivors include his beloved wife of nearly 65 years, Francena; his daughters Leslie Barse and husband Harold, and Carol Wahpepah and husband Daniel Harris; son-in-law Byron Gore; all of Norman; grandchildren Sunny Novacheck and husband Marcus, Allison Barse and husband Rory Hamilton, Hannah Wahpepah-Harris, and Mackenzie Wahpepah-Harris; sisters Ruth Ann Sanderson and Barbara Bear; and several nieces and nephews. He was also quite proud of his great-grandchildren, Maddox Hamilton, Grace Novacheck, Avery Hamilton and Iris Novacheck.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to the Kickapoo Elders Council, Loving Care Hospice or Wounded Warrior Project.



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The CPN Veterans Organization's Honor Guard performed an honor service for one of our members recently, Kenneth Peltier, who Walked On in July. He was an active member of the CPN Veterans Organization and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

The CPN Veterans Organization's Color Guard has been active presenting the colors at various events and parades. The Color Guard is definitely the busiest group in our organization and is in great demand for many functions throughout the year.

I would also like to pass on my congratulations to Matthew David Dearing, a CPN member who recently completed his U.S. Army Basic Training at Ft. Leonard Wood.

We are finalizing our plans for the Vietnam Era Veterans Memorial Banquet to be scheduled in 2015. Remember the banquet is to honor CPN men and women who served in the

armed forces during the Vietnam War (August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975). Members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation who were in the military during that time and would like to attend this Honor Banquet, please see the ad on the bottom of page 14.

The CPN Veterans Organization was well represented at the 2014 Potawatomi Gathering of the Nations in Allegan County, Michigan. The Potawatomi Veterans are always honored during the gatherings by leading the Grand Entry each evening. It is a grand spectacle.

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the 4th Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome.

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Daryl Talbot, Commander

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FireLake Bowling Center's Randy Loftis named Trail Blazer of the Year

It has been a busy couple of years for FireLake Bowling Center's Randy Loftis. The Shawnee-Okla. native is a regular figure on the bowling lanes around Oklahoma as a competitor in amateur and semi-professional tournaments. He spent the better part of the summer of 2014 helping out with the bowling center's hosting of the PBA Summer Swing Tour, and is now gearing up for another year as youth coach for a number of high school teams around Pottawatomie County.

For this and numerous other contributions, it came as little surprise when Loftis was named by the Oklahoma chapter of the U.S. Bowling Congress as the 2014 Trail Blazer of the Year.

"I'm a lifer when it comes to bowling," explained Loftis. "My background started around the age of five when Shawnee opened a

new bowling alley. Growing up and working in the family awards business at Shawnee Trophy Co., the sport was the backbone of our work for a long time."

Shawnee Trophy Co. is a household name in Shawnee, and is currently owned and operated by Loftis and his wife Ruthi. A longtime stalwart in the local bowling scene, Loftis was the Shawnee Bowling Association Secretary and Manager for more than a decade.

He joined FireLake Bowling Center in 2011 and promoted his love for the game, which has ebbed from its nationwide popularity in recent decades, with local youth around Pottawatomie County. Loftis was instrumental in helping FireLake Bowling Center become the home lanes for high school teams from Tecumseh, Shawnee and Bethel Acres in 2013.

Along with Director of FireLake Bowling Center Chris Skillings, fellow Shawnee-native, the state-of-the-art facility has become a mainstay for professional and amateur bowling events year round. In the past eight months alone it has hosted the PBA Grand Casino Summer Swing, the Mark Harmon Celebrity Bowling Event, and the PBA Southwest Regional, whose pro/am event raised \$52,000 for the Shawnee Big Brothers-Big Sisters organization.

"Whether it was growing up doing it, building the trophies at Shawnee Trophy Co., running tournaments or volunteering to help build the sport, bowling has been a big part of my life," said Loftis. "But ultimately I just enjoy volunteering to make bowling a better experience for whoever is interested. For me, it is just about the fellowship it brings."



Randy Loftis.

If you would like to learn more about youth or adult bowling opportunities at FireLake Bowling Center, please visit www.FireLakeBowl.com, like them on

Facebook or call 405-275-0404. If you're interested in learning more about Shawnee Trophy Co., they can be reached at shawneetrophy@sbcglobal.net or 405-273-0504.

Another successful year for Day of Champions Football Camp



Josh Heupel provides some advice to a camper.

By Sarah Lawrance,
Fitness Trainer,
CPN Wellness Center

We had another successful year of camp, with 90 campers in attendance. Of those, 85 percent were Native American, 70 percent of whom were CPN members. We also had 14 girls, making it the most girls we have ever had at the camp. The first day focused on life skills and how to put them into use every day. The second day, each camper brought a parent or guardian to work with as a team all day.

This camp is more than just football camp. The coaches work very hard to instill life skills in the minds of campers. These are based off of the four main principals of discipline, respect, trust and hard work. After every drill, coaches discuss with campers about how the skills they learned can be applied to everyday life. For example, having discipline means

that you sit in the front row of the classroom at school. Having respect can be as simple as saying please and thank you when talking to peers or adults.

This year we really saw "light bulbs" going off with the kids and could see that they understood what the coaches were trying to convey. The parents were thrilled with the information the coaches were teaching.

Jon Sparks attended the second day of camp with his son Caleb and said, "The things the coaches are telling them are the same things that I tell them at home. It really makes a difference when the kids are hearing it from someone else other than their parent. I sincerely hope the Potawatomi Tribal administration continue to see the benefits in this program and continue to bring it back in the years to come."

The coaches, who consisted of

Oklahoma Sooners legend Josh Heupel, his father Ken Heupel and many other previous college and NFL players, dined with CPN Tribal Legislators Bob Whistler, Paul Schmidtkofer, David Barrett and Lisa Kraft.

Billy Lawrance, a Tribal member, volunteers his time each year to cook lunch for the campers. Over the course of the two day camp he cooked more than 200 hot dogs and hamburgers, per day, for campers, parents and coaches.

"For me," said Lawrance, "this is my way of giving back to my Tribe and to the future leaders of our Tribe."

If you would like to know more information about the Day of Champions football camp please visit their website at www.dayofchampions.org.

Pool defends title at thirtieth FireLake Classic Golf Tournament

The thirtieth annual FireLake Classic golf tournament took place July 26-27 at FireLake Golf Course with more than 70 local golfers teeing off. The tournament consisted of six divisions and is a great opportunity for any skill level to join in on the fun.

"The event was a great success," said Chris Chesser, FireLake Golf Course Manager. "It's always really fun to watch and be a part of. Superintendent Derron Day and his crew had the greens looking great and the event would not have been such a success without all of their wonderful help."

In the Championship Flight, Pool shot a 69-71 to take first place. Second place finisher Tyler Hargus finished with a 74-69 ahead of Robbie Komahcheet's 69-77.

Pool, who won the tournament's top flight, last year, said "The FireLake Classic is a great tournament. The course was in outstanding shape and I always look forward to this tournament. It was a good win and nice to be able to defend my title."

FireLake Golf Course is rated in the top 10 of daily fee golf courses



John Weddle tees off on Hole 1 of the 2014 FireLake Classic.

in Oklahoma. The challenging course offers tight fairways, lined with pecan trees, native grasses and lots of water. Water comes into play on 15 of the 18 holes including 11 lakes or ponds and a creek that runs through the middle of the golf course. Open year round, weather permitting, with

the exception of Christmas. Green fees are \$17, \$27 with cart rental. Discounted annual memberships are available to tribal members. For more information or to secure a tee time, call 405-275-4471.

FireLake Wellness Center remodels pool and locker rooms

The FireLake Wellness Center has reopened after a recent remodel of the swimming pool and men's and women's locker rooms.

Both the locker rooms and pool area boasted amenities from 2003 when FireLake Wellness Center first opened its doors.

"The remodeling of the new pool and locker rooms were much needed," said Manager Leslie

Cooper. "I think wellness center members will enjoy what we did with the areas. Rick Streeter Tile did a fantastic remodeling job. We are excited for people to use these nice amenities and felt that our members deserve to have updated facilities."

The floors in the women's locker room were completely replaced with new tile, and showers were refashioned with new stainless steel doors and hooks. New lighting, ceiling fans and mirrors were also installed. The men's locker room added new benches and vanities, and was fully remodeled with granite countertops and tile flooring.

The wellness center's swimming pool also received an upgrade. It was repainted and plastered, and received a travertine tile border around the edge.

FireLake Wellness Center is open to CPN tribal members and spouses, employees of the Tribe and Native Americans of other federally recognized tribes. Members must be 21 or older and more information about the updated gym and what classes are offered can be found at www.potawatomi.org/services/health/firelake-wellness-center.



The new pool is open throughout the week for classes and free swim.



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People of the Fire

Meet your Legislator: District 6's Rande Payne

Spread across the United States and even further afield in the world, CPN's thirty thousand members may sometimes feel detached from the day-to-day life taking place in the Tribe's base in Shawnee, Okla. Maintaining that connection takes a commitment from a handful of Tribal legislators who reside around the country. Representing those members in southern California and Nevada is District 6's Rande Payne.

Payne, born in Canada, boasts deep Oklahoma roots. His father is from Tulsa, while his mother's family comes from Choctaw, a small community just northwest of the Tribal jurisdiction. His father's time working in the Cold War-era missile defense system as a member of the U.S. civil service took the family across North America, occasionally coming back to Oklahoma before finally setting in California where he started a trucking company hauling agricultural products.

Growing up and working in the family trucking business cultivated his pursuit of a career in transportation. Soon after starting

a family, Payne left his father's business to work for a produce distribution company where he eventually became director of operations. After 12 years of service, Payne responded to an opportunity for a transportation director position at an up and coming family-owned foodservice distribution company, Saladino's.

"It was exciting to be involved in such a great organization," stated Payne. "We were definitely in growth mode. Taking on all of the northern and southern California Subway restaurants was probably one of our biggest challenges. My 15 years of service at Saladino's provided opportunity for a great deal of personal and professional growth as well," stated Payne.

Payne's wife Kim and her mother Elsie owned and operated Valhalla Restaurant and Gift Shop in Visalia, Calif. for nearly 30 years. When Elsie decided to retire, Kim searched for a business partner. Nearing a point in his career where retiring was possible, Payne decided to step in as that new partner, putting his years of experience in foodservice distribution to use.

"I'll be honest though, this is much more challenging than I could ever have imagined," Payne said with a laugh. "But my boss Kim keeps things running smoothly, and I get a lot more time to spend with my kids and grandkids. That makes it all worth it."

Payne's two daughters work in the business also.

Though he always knew of his Potawatomi heritage due to his mother's ties back home, a personal connection with his Tribe wasn't cemented until a trip to Shawnee in

1991, when Payne accompanied her on a visit to see her ailing sister in Oklahoma.

"That was the awakening point that really started my journey in terms of the heritage," recalled Payne.

A second cousin shared an extensive genealogical history of the Tescier family, which drove Payne to attend as many tribal functions as possible once back in California. In the years preceding the current governmental system, Payne and his family were regular attendees at the state's regional meetings.

His step into the governmental side of Tribal affairs also stemmed from a 2009 stop in Shawnee, when along with his brothers, Payne stopped into the CPN Administration Building to say hello to Chairman John Barrett and Vice-Chairman Linda Capps. Both encouraged him to run for the newly formed legislative body, and following the 2010 election, he became the dually elected representative for portions of southern California and Nevada. Yet like many tribal government officials in the outlying legislative districts, Payne faced the challenge of representing many voters who felt their distance to CPN's base in Oklahoma was a burden.

"Then, people were more interested in the benefits they could access," he explained. "I think part of that was due to information being so hard to come by. There was a sense for a long time that people outside of Oklahoma really weren't cared about and assumed that there wasn't anything available to them. But we've come a long way with that. Due to technology and other methods, people are a lot more familiar with the programs that are available to them."

Re-elected to another term at the June 2014 Family Reunion Festival, Payne says he recognizes that a consequence of this increasing awareness is his constituents' focus on other issues, most notably an interest in promoting access to learning more about Tribal traditions and culture.

employees don't need much encouragement to help this community. They love it here and consider it home."

The areas falling under CPN's jurisdiction are largely rural, with Pottawatomie County's poverty rate being 18.1 percent. Oklahomans in these hard-to-serve areas face a number of obstacles in obtaining services and opportunities available to those in larger metropolitan areas. CPN's employees, who mainly reside in these areas, live with this reality every day.

A leader in charitable giving in Pottawatomie County, the tribe helps 175 charitable and civic organizations each year through volunteer hours as well as monetary and food donations.

Since 2005, CPN has donated more than \$5 million to approximately 200 community organizations who serve Native and non-Native populations in the surrounding



Rande at the restaurant with (from left) his daughter Melissa, wife Kim and daughter Rochelle.

"There are a growing number of people who don't see the growth of our enterprises and programs as a measure of success," said Payne as he recalled comments shared by his constituents. "They feel we are failing at revitalizing our culture. Unfortunately, some even feel we should put all our eggs in the culture basket."

Understanding these concerns, Payne also cautioned against narrowing the focus on just one aspect of the Tribe's path forward, though he sees that the Tribe is in an age where a growing number are looking for meaningful connections to their past. "But we have to realize that we also have citizens that have little or no interest in their heritage and be okay with that too," stated Payne. "It's their heritage and it's their choice."

"Whether we like it or not, the sovereignty of our government and our economic systems are the hub all the other spokes connect to. As indigenous people, the world around us is much more complicated today. There are a number of things we can and are doing to better serve the cultural needs of our Tribe, but the functionality of our government and the success of our enterprises will ultimately provide the means for us to remain and thrive as a people in a vastly different world than that of our ancestors."

On his plans for the upcoming legislative session though, Payne intends to work on bringing more

cultural activities to his district. "There's no denying the importance of the Tribe's economic prosperity, but that alone doesn't have to define who we are as a people. But it goes a long way in helping insure our sustainability" stated Payne. "At the same time revitalizing our culture has to be high on our priority list."

"Having the resources available is key in our quest to rediscover our heritage and culture. Being as spread out as we are makes it nearly impossible otherwise," he said. "And ultimately I believe it is our destiny to bring the traditions of our past out of hiding, figure out how to practice them today and preserve them for eternity."

Payne is also interested in exploring another issue that came as a result of his uncontested victory in the 2014 election. Like many of his fellow representatives, Payne remains puzzled by the low voter turnout in Tribal elections, a point he promises he will continue to bring up with his fellow Potawatomi.

"In certain respects there is less criticism than there used to be. But I ask myself, is that because people feel like there is no point in saying something? Or is it because they feel like we're headed in the right direction? Most of the feedback I receive on how the Nation is doing is positive so maybe it's self-imposed pressure to do more. And that's okay too, because that's just what I intend to do," said Payne.



Rande and grandkids Daniel, Emma and Boston on a visit to the walnut grove.

CPN earns 2014 Charitable Influence Beacon Award and governor commendation

The Journal Record newspaper honored the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for its charitable influence in Oklahoma in the past year, for enterprises with more than 500 employees.

"Being nominated alongside firms like OG&E, Verizon Wireless and so many others is an honor in itself," said Jason Greenwalt, CPN Director of Executive Operations. "But having our tribe and employees' charitable giving recognized by Governor Fallin and The Journal Record just shows this Tribe's commitment to supporting our local communities in Pottawatomie and Oklahoma counties."

Greenwalt, who accepted the award on behalf of CPN at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel at the 2014 Beacon Awards, praised the efforts of the tribe's leaders and employees.

"Without God, none of this would be possible. But I would also like to recognize our leadership in

Chairman John Barrett and Vice-Chairman Linda Capps. They set an example for those of us who work for the tribe. Being honored with this award reflects our commitment to that example of giving back where we can."

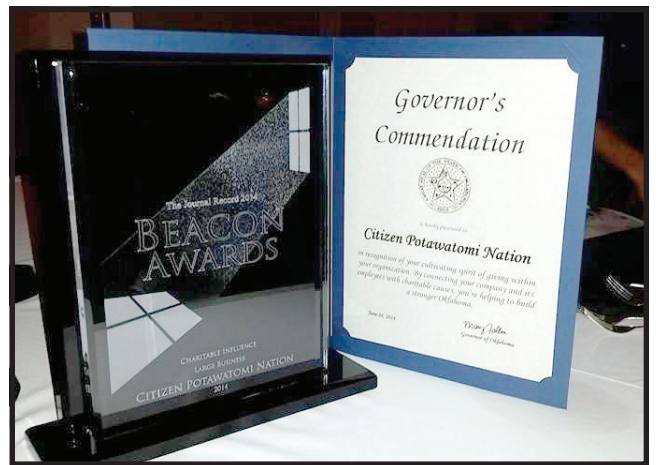
The tribe was also awarded a commendation by Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin in recognition of CPN's spirit of giving as a business.

"By connecting your company and its employees with charitable causes," it read, "you're helping to build a stronger Oklahoma."

"Our commitment to this community is deep and we believe that we all have to come together if we want to have the best community possible," said Vice-Chairman Linda Capps. "As the largest employer in the county we believe we should lead by example. Whenever we have the chance to lend a hand, we're there. Our

areas. Of its 2,200 employees, 65 percent regularly contribute time and money that helps keep local charitable organizations running.

Tribal employees can be found serving meals each month at the Shawnee Salvation Army soup kitchen or providing free Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners at the organization during the holidays. In May 2013, the tribe and its employees sprang into action following the tornadoes and floods that struck rural eastern Oklahoma and Pottawatomie Counties.



The Beacon Award for Charitable Giving and Okla. Governor Mary Fallin's commendation.

Employees donated \$5,000 to the American Red Cross, prepared meals for first responders and manned numerous tribal offices that were donated free of charge to FEMA and other organizations.



George Godfrey.

Potawatomi history and ancestry through the eyes of George Godfrey

for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and introduced him to numerous Native American cultures.

Godfrey graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Biology from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D. From there he continued his education at Cornell University, earning a PhD. in Entomology. His success in school led him to his first career, researching Lepidoptera at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Godfrey’s work there led to his next post as a professor at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., where he became the Vice President for Academic Affairs. He later moved to Washington D.C. as a national program leader for grant programs at tribal colleges.

During his lengthy career in academics, Godfrey found himself longing to research his past and reconnect with family members he had not seen in years.

“Something about my family’s past always intrigued me,” said Godfrey. “At a CPN regional meeting, I started to network and begin learning about the history of my family. The stories and stuff I was finding out led me into my first book.”

The book, *Watchekee (Overseer)*

Walking in Two Cultures, is a historical depiction of Godfrey’s great-great-grandmother through oral histories and various historical sources.

“I’m still finding out new things, and history has proven it can lead you to dead ends,” said Godfrey. “Trying to fill those blank spots from the mysterious past of my great-great grandmother led me into writing a historically fictional account based off of the facts I have gathered while archiving her history.”

Once a Grass Widow: Watchekee’s Destiny, is Godfrey’s portrayal of his great-great grandmother’s life as it was described to him through his discoveries.

A consequence of writing the two books was the emergence of old stories told by other members of his family. As a result, Godfrey penned his most recent work, a book about his great-grandfather.

The Indian Marble, is a historically fictional story inspired by a marble that once belonged to his great-grandfather, John Baptiste Bergeron. “Bat” as he was called, was one of Watchekee’s children who flitted in and out of his family’s life with mysterious appearances and absences. The story takes readers on a roller-coaster journey

throughout the United States and Mexico depicting the odd life his great-grandfather seemed to live.

Godfrey continues to learn about his family history and the Potawatomi nation. He and his wife Pat live on the outskirts of Athens, Ill., and he is the president of the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association. He is currently working on two more books. The first is a science fiction novel called *Cheyenne Oil*. The other is another work of historical fiction titled *The Removal*, which is based on the forced removals of the Potawatomi in the mid 1830s.

“Throughout my time researching the history of my family and CPN, I’m still amazed at how fascinating it is to find out new things,” said Godfrey. “It can be discouraging when you run into dead ends, but the feeling you get when you find something out about your family’s past is something that can’t be explained. I encourage anyone interested in finding out more about their heritage to dig in and start researching. You’ll never know what you may find.”

For more information about George please visit www.potawatomi-tda.org or email him at pnginthewoods@gmail.com.

Shelly Schneider’s 27 years of serving Oklahoma’s women, infants and children

Since being made a permanent law in 1974, the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children, known as WIC, has contributed to a healthier start for millions of American children.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which administers the federally funded program, WIC has played an important role in improving birth outcomes and containing health costs. A study covering WIC programs in five different states showed that participants experienced longer pregnancies, fewer premature births and fewer infant deaths. Economically, within the first 60 days after birth, health care savings equaled \$1.77-\$3.13 for every dollar spent.

“The impact it had on me was the fact that my daughter was getting the best possible start in her life by receiving the nutritious foods that WIC provides,” said one former WIC participant. “As a single mom, I was always worried whether my child was getting the proper nutrition she needed.”

Today, that same participant leads the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s own WIC program. Director Shelley Schneider, a descendant of the Toupin and LaFrambrosie families, has spent nearly three decades serving some of the local communities’ most vulnerable members.

“My daughter was on the State of Oklahoma’s WIC when she was a baby,” recalled Schneider. “I was a single mom looking for a job

with benefits, and I heard there was an opening at the Tribal WIC Program. On August 3, 1987, I started working at CPN WIC as a Vendor Coordinator and Data Entry Specialist.”

WIC programs provide nutritious food and education, infant formula and health care referrals to low income women who are pregnant, breast feeding or postpartum. Their children, up to five years old, are also eligible if their family’s gross income is at or below 185 percent of the U.S. Poverty Income Guidelines. For a family of four to meet the requirements, their annual income would have to be at or below \$43,568.

By legal definition, WIC is not an entitlement program, since Congress does not allot funds for each eligible individual, as in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Like other Federal grants, Congress specifies certain amounts each fiscal year for WIC programs to use. Despite this, Schneider and her staff continue to battle the misconception that it just an unsupervised government hand-out.

“That is not true,” said Schneider. “The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formally known as food stamps, provides any food people choose, healthy or not. WIC participants are basically receiving a prescription for foods that are based on health and nutrition assessments done by trained health professionals upon their entry into the program.”

CPN’s WIC program, though



Shelly Schneider.

housed in a Tribal office building, does not exclusively serve Native Americans. Staff from the Tribal program travel throughout large parts of Pottawatomie, Oklahoma and Cleveland counties to assist those who qualify. As one of ten state agencies in the Okla., CPN WIC and eight Indian Tribal Organization WIC programs partner with the State of Oklahoma to synthesize standards and protocols to combat fraud. Specifically the agency coordination is aimed at stopping dual participation, or double dipping, from participants.

“The state checks for dual participation among their agency and tribal agencies as well as

between the nine tribal agencies themselves,” explained Schneider. “If one is found, they are assessed a claim for the value of the improperly redeemed WIC food instruments or are disqualified for a certain period of time.”

Like many longtime tribal employees who oversee programs in which they once worked as staff, Schneider’s twenty-seven years of experience have reinforced her belief that WIC truly is a lifesaving endeavor.

“When I became director in 1991, I became completely involved in the day-to-day operations. That’s when I realized just how important WIC was to our participants. I’ve

had a chance to see second- and sometimes even third-generation WIC participants. It’s very rewarding knowing that you can have an impact on future generations.”

Today the CPN program serves 1,200 participants in central Oklahoma at three permanent sites. It also operates three mobile satellite sites that move around to meet the needs of participants in the CPN WIC service area.

If you or someone you know would like more information about CPN WIC or a program in your area, please call 405-273-3216 or visit www.potawatomi.org/services/health/wic.

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LeClaire named Executive Director of CPN Gaming Commission

Though the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's diversification between gaming, federal and enterprise revenue is key to its ongoing economic success, the integrity of Tribal gaming operations is of paramount importance as an economic engine in Pottawatomie County and the State of Oklahoma.

In charge of overseeing and ensuring that these operations remain in compliance with the stringent government regulations is Tribal member Daniel LeClaire, recently named as the Executive Director of the CPN Gaming Commission.

For the past five years he has served as the CPNGC investigator, most recently being the body's investigations and compliance manager. LeClaire initially joined the CPN Police Department following his graduation of the collegiate officer program through Rose State College and Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City. He will continue to serve the CPNPD as a detective handling gaming investigations. As investigations and compliance manager for the CPNGC, LeClaire is responsible for training and direction of the investigations and compliance staff at the Tribe's multiple gaming sites who protect and ensure the integrity of its assets facilities. He is also in charge of making sure the gaming facilities are in compliance with Tribal, State, and Federal regulations and laws. "It's a unique job and I enjoy it. As an investigator, it's like putting together a puzzle" explained LeClaire.

The LeClaire and Delonaise-family descendent has worked and trained closely with previous CPNGC executive directors.

"It's an honor to be nominated for this position and receive it," said LeClaire following his confirmation by the CPN Tribal Legislature.

As executive director, he is tasked with managing the day-to-day business of the gaming commission staff of 18, who ensure compliance and regulate CPN's gaming operations at the Grand Casino, FireLake Casino and FireLake Bowling Center. He oversees internal auditors and compliance officers who certify and enforce federal, state and Tribal gaming regulations and laws. This BSA Compliance Department certifies compliance with Title 31, a federal law intended for casinos to track cash and to deter criminal activity such as money laundering and structuring from individuals and terrorists.



Daniel LeClaire.

The licensing staff oversees background checks and hiring of all Tribal employees requiring a gaming license. Also falling under LeClaire's supervision are the CPNGC Investigators, who investigate internal and external criminal activity, as well as policy and procedure violations, in order to protect Tribal assets.

"If it happens, or we suspect it of happening on the property of any enterprise with gaming, it falls under our jurisdiction and we'll investigate," said LeClaire.

Every two months, LeClaire reports the CPNGC's commissioners: Cultural Heritage Center Director Dr. Kelli Mosteller, Executive Operations Director Jason Greenwalt, and Oklahoma State Athletic Commission Administrator and Tribal member Joe Miller. The scrutiny state and federal regulators direct towards tribal gaming operations make it an extremely challenging position. Yet these responsibilities don't appear to daunt this father of three, who has spent the better part of the past decade as a uniformed officer for the CPN Tribal Police.

"Since I started in 2006, I've always taken pride in working for the Tribe," he said. "There is no other place in this world where I can do a greater good than I can here."

A Sweet Standard—DC Cake Appeal, Inc.

By: Jessica Tucker, CPCDC Commercial Loan Documentation Specialist

DC Cake Appeal, Inc. is unique, and that is how owner, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal member, David Conway and co-owner Owen Davis want it to be perceived.

The name itself says cake appeal, and judging by their return customers, their products certainly prove it. When they began their business in their own home in Prague, Okla., in 2006, baking cakes was the focus. A colleague of Davis' asked if he would create a cake for her because he had been in the baking industry and taught classes at Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee, Okla. One request became two, and then word-of-mouth got out about how delicious the cakes were.

Cakes were not all they wanted to delve into though. Starting small, Conway and Davis expanded one step at a time and, in 2007, they moved from Prague to Shawnee, operating out of a store with about 1,000 square feet of space.

"There was no seating room," recalled Conway. "Customers just placed their order or stopped by and picked up their sweet treats."

By 2009, they had outgrown that first Shawnee location. With the help of Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation, they were able to secure a new location that doubled their square footage.

"Without the help of CDC, I'm not sure we would have been able to continue on as successfully as we have," stated Davis.

After opening this space they were able to introduce lunch items to their menu and hire more staff to help with customers. They also began catering small events. Conway and Davis also created an employee handbook they give to each of their employees when they start. The co-owners ensure that each of their employees know that customer satisfaction is number one priority.

"The customers are our best asset. We ensure our customers are happy and we know they will return again. Being good to our customers creates an ambiance of satisfaction around everyone and the work place," Conway stated. And that helps make the work place enjoyable for him and his workers.

Conway and Davis approached Bob Crothers at CPCDC again in 2012 about another expansion. "We always know we can count on Bob to help us. He is very knowledgeable



David Conway and co-owner Owen Davis.

and always willing to help work out the details of a new idea with us," Conway said.

The space they were looking to expand in was located on a major highway in Shawnee and would double their square footage and employee base again. The grand opening for DC Cake Appeal on Acme Road and Highway 177 took place in January 2013, and the small business has been able to add many new amenities because of this extra space.

DC Cake Appeal now has a private room for company meetings. A local art gallery, Slanted Easel, holds group painting events there each month, and the expanded space allows Conway and Davis to host wedding rehearsal dinners. The kitchen is also large enough to cater events they would have had to turn down previously.

Davis and Conway aren't just stuck in the kitchen at their new location though. They also sell fresh baked goods at the Pottawatomie County Farmers Co-Op Market every Wednesday and Saturday.

"Anytime we want to try something new we have the employees and our families try it before we put it on the menu. We are always thinking of new ideas because we want our restaurant to be fresh, and want customers to wonder what we are going to come up with next," said Conway.

DC Cake is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch served until 3 p.m. Saturdays they are open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. (This author recommends the DC Club with potato salad and a sweet tea!)

DC Cake Appeal has weekly specials on their Facebook. Or just stop by and try one of Davis' fabulous baked goods.

The CPCDC helped fund both transition spaces for DC Cake Appeal. The CPCDC is a lender to Native American-owned businesses across Oklahoma and the United States. If you are seeking a loan to help build your business or would like to inquire about a business loan, please call 405-878-4697 or visit www.cpcdc.org.

CPCDC picks up where state government left off with Oklahoma Indian Nations Directory

Home to 38 federally recognized tribes and more than 330,000 self-identified Native Americans, Oklahoma's business and political classes face a unique set of circumstances in interacting with Tribal governments.

From 1967-2011, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, as part of its mission to facilitate dialogue between the state government and tribal governments, compiled up to date information on the state's tribes, their leaders and jurisdictions. By 2011, despite it only having two full time staff members, political winds at the state capitol with a focus on cutting government spending resulted in the Commission's dissolution. Its role was replaced by a Native American liaison position inside the executive branch. With the Commission's cessation, so ended its annual publishing of a directory containing information on the state's tribes.

Shane Jett, a Cherokee tribal citizen, understood the importance that the directory played in his work as District 27 Representative from 2004-2010. Now head of the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation, the

country's largest Native American community development financial institution, Jett decided to use his present organization's resources to replace a tool he'd once seen as an invaluable asset during his time in the state house.

"Frankly, we at the CPCDC decided to produce it because I got tired of complaining that no one else was printing it any longer," explained Jett in his office at First National Bank and Trust Co. in Shawnee. "Chairman Barrett had once been on the board of the Indian Affairs Commission, and we agreed that the loss of the directory was another unfortunate result of the decision, one which I consistently advocated against."

At first glance, the small booklet doesn't appear that substantial. However, the breadth of information inside, coupled with the extensive time spent compiling the directory, reinforces the former state legislator's high praise.

Said Jett, "If there is any legislation impacting tribes, for example compacting, all you had to do is pick it up and call the tribe you need to speak to. Executive Director Barbara Warner and her

staff really had something special in the directory they produced. It really was an invaluable resource."



The 2011 and 2014 Oklahoma Indian Nation directories.

With Jett's guidance and hundreds of hours of research and writing by Special Projects Coordinator TaRena Reece, the CPCDC recently completed printing of the 2014 Oklahoma Indian Nations Directory and Resource Guide. It is the first time such a work has been printed since 2011.

"At first the massive reality of the project did not sink in thoroughly," said Reece, who is also a CPN

member. "I was given a stack of papers, a large notebook and pointed to an Excel file containing information which the late Ms. Sharlean Haney, who was a Miami Tribal member, had been working on before her passing. It took me a few days to absorb everything, trying to make heads or tails out of what I had been given. It was a huge undertaking but very exhilarating."

Reece and Jett, along with support from other members of the CPCDC, spent a year researching and compiling the pertinent information before producing a first draft. Reflective of her attention to detail, Reece glued the initial draft's pages together to provide the printers an exact format on how exactly the directory should be laid out.

The 2014 Oklahoma Indian Nation's Directory and Resource Guide contains information on all 38 of the state's tribal leaders, jurisdictions, contact numbers and websites. There is a foldout state map indicating each tribal government's jurisdiction as well as contact information for Oklahoma's Congressional Representatives, state legislators,

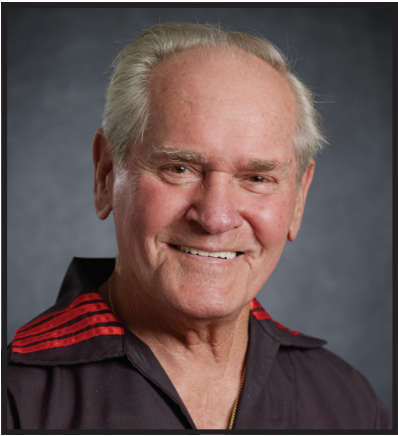
members of the U.S. Senate on Indian Affairs, officials from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, First Nations Development Institute and other groups relevant to tribes and their members.

"We wanted anyone picking this directory up to recognize that we are independent, sovereign nations with our own languages, cultures and traditions. To reinforce that, we've included a greeting and other simple phrases on each tribe's page in their own language," said Jett.

The directories are available through the CPCDC for seven dollars, and can be ordered by visiting www.CPCDC.org or by calling 405-878-4697. Each of Oklahoma's state and national legislative offices have been sent one, free of charge, in hopes of facilitating a better dialogue between the state's elected representatives and tribal governments.

"Ultimately," said Jett, "there is a need to cultivate a dialogue between the state government and tribes. Having this directory on someone's desk may be just the spark needed to get that dialogue started."

District 1 – Roy Slavin



Bozho,

As I write this my wife Julia and I are preparing for our trip to Michigan, where we will be attending the 2014 Gathering of Potawatomi Nations, hosted by the Match-E-Be-Nash-She band of Potawatomi. We always look forward to the gathering each year where we get to visit with old friends and make new ones.

I am also very happy to mention the birthday of one of our wisest members, Anna Comadol. Anna celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday August 5.

Happy birthday Anna and many more for a very special lady!

Our Family Reunion Festival, held the last weekend of June at the Raymond Peltier Park in Shawnee, Okla. again was a great success. If you have never attended the festival, I urge you to make plans to do so next year. The Festival is always held the last weekend of June and is a great time for families to get together. I am proud to say the Slavin family, one of the honored families this year, again managed to fill one whole section of the bleachers for our family picture. Way to go Slavins!

Now for the really important stuff! My great-granddaughter Molly Ann Baker and her brother Mathew Baker were named junior prince and princess of

the Blackberry Festival held at McCloud, Okla. over the July 4 weekend. When you look at their pictures, you will know why I am so proud.

Last but certainly not least, **District 1 is holding an area meeting September 27** at the Northwest Dupage Post 1084 American Legion House Committee, 344 East Maple Ave, Roselle, Ill., 60172. The meeting is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and lunch will be served. Please RSVP no later than September 20 to jmoucka@potawatomi.org, toll free 1-800-880-9880, OR Rslavin@potawatomi.org or call toll free 1-888-741-5767. Space is somewhat limited.

As always, I will close this article with a plea for your contact information. Due to privacy issues the Nation cannot provide me with that information. If you do not receive e-mail or regular mail from me occasionally it is because I do not



Mathew Slavin.



Molly Ann Slavin.

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District 2 – Eva Carney



Bozho nikanek!

Upcoming visiting opportunities. Legislator Bob Whistler kindly asked that invitations to the meeting he is holding in Houston, Texas on September 13 be sent to District 2 folks within driving distance of Houston. I have made plans to be in Houston for that meeting.

I am planning a Fall Feast for Saturday, November 15, 2014 at our District office in Washington, D.C., and also have scheduled another visit to the Archives of the National Museum of the American Indian in Suitland, Md. for Friday, February 13, 2015.

I know that I need to make a plan for a Little Rock, Ark. meeting and will get on that shortly. I may also fit in another trip to the East Coast of Florida in November; details on Arkansas and Florida will follow soon. For the most current information I'd ask you to send me your email contact details – I send an email a few times a month – or send me a note asking me to add you to the private District 2 Facebook page (only members can read/access what is posted there). About 115 of us are currently members of that page.

Gathering report and photos. I attended the 2014 Gathering of the Potawatomi Nations in Hopkins, Mich. and enjoyed it immensely. A sampling of the people, activities, and natural beauty I met/participated in/ revealed in is captured in this photo travelogue: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10154432715350117&type=1&l=7c3c966d41> (You do not need to be “on” Facebook and you won’t have to agree to anything to view these photos).

Honoring a hero. Our gracious hosts, The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band (Gun Lake), gave special recognition to elder and Citizen Potawatomi hero Curtis Wright, who fought with General George S. Patton Jr. in the Battle of the Bulge. I understand that this was the largest and bloodiest battle fought by the United States in World War II. Mr. and Mrs. Wright danced an honor dance with many CPN citizens after this recognition – that dance is captured in the photo here.



The Wrights dance with CPN citizens as everyone at the Gathering honored Mr. Wright for his military service.

Recognizing heroics. District 2’s Marc Pearce (a Burnett) and his wife Svetlana Mironova were sufficiently awake one early morning during the Gathering weekend to realize that a nearby tent was on fire! CPN citizen Elexa Dawson (an Ogee) and her children were sleeping in that tent. Marc and Sveta roused them and most certainly averted a tragedy. Migwetch to them for their heroic rescue!

Remarkably, when they were still living in their family homes each saved their own families from fire, also in the middle of the night (Marc as a child, Sveta as a teenager). In the future I’ll try to book rooms in the same hotel – preferably on the same floor – if I find myself in the same city with this heroic couple!

Interesting study results. A recent report regarding data collected for the University of Michigan’s Health and Retirement Study really caught my eye as a CPN policy maker. The report appeared in The Washington Post (*Want to Live Longer? Send Your Kids to College*, by Christopher Ingraham, July 31, 2014.) and offers a surprising (to me) additional reason why the CPN is on the right track in funding higher education for our youth.

Specifically, new research by Esther Friedman of the RAND Corporation and



Marc Pearce and Svetlana Mironova, Gathering hero and heroine.

Robert Mare of UCLA finds that parents of college grads live two years longer than parents whose children did not graduate high school. According to the Post reporter, “That two-year bump in life expectancy for parents of the most-educated kids is surprisingly large — it amounts to about two-thirds of the longevity benefit of running every day.” And the effect of children’s education on parents’ life expectancy was not just coincidence, it was robust even after controlling for the parents’ own socioeconomic resources.

In the CPN we focus funding on our youth and our elders. What is interesting to me is that our youth funding apparently has tangible health and longevity benefits for their parents (we middle-agers) as well. According to one of the researchers, “Improving the education of younger generations could potentially improve the health of two generations of the family (the younger generation as well as their parents). This is something that policy makers could consider when evaluating the potential impact of a program.”

Migwetch and keep in touch. It is a

privilege to attend the annual Family Festival and Gathering of Nations as your representative and to meet up with you at these events and at our district meetings. Thank you for these opportunities as your legislator. If you have questions, comments, or ideas to share with me I hope you will do so through email, phone, or letter. Please don’t be put off by the distance between us. Building our CPN community in District 2 continues to be my top priority as your legislator.

Kindest regards and bama pi,
Eva Marie Carney/Ojindiskwe (Bluebirdwoman)

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Eva Marie Carney and Kayla Longo pose for a photo before entering the Camp Jijak dance arena.

District 3 – Bob Whistler



Bozho Nikanek,

By the time you read this month’s Hownikan you may know about the area meetings planned for our District this month. Four meetings will be held. **Please RSVP by the dates indicated to Jamie Moucka at 800-880-9880 or jmoucka@potawatomi.org.**

• **Saturday, Sept. 13** at the Omni Houston Hotel at Westside (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.), 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 281-558-8338. RSVP by Sept. 9.

District 2 Representative Eva Marie Carney will be attending this

Houston meeting. We hope to see CPN members in nearby Louisiana in District 2 being able to attend.

- **Sunday, Sept. 14** at the Courtyard New Braunfels River Village (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.) 750 IH 35 North, New Braunfels, TX 830-626-4706. RSVP by Sept. 9
- **Saturday, Sept. 20** at the Residence Inn (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.) 1641 Musgrave Blvd., Abilene, TX 325-677-8700. RSVP by Sept. 16.

Representative Gene Lambert will be attending this meeting, and we look forward to seeing any CPN members from District 5.

- **Saturday, Sept. 27** at the Hilton Garden Inn Lewisville (10 a.m. – p.m.) 785 SH 121, Lewisville, TX 972-459-4600. RSVP by Sept. 23.

Our plan is to bring you up to date on some of the new things taking place in the Nation. We look forward to being with you and your families on these dates.

Earlier this year we wrote about the Affordable Care Act and what some of the requirements as well as exemptions were that are part of this law. For

Native Americans, there actually is no closing date to get insurance. If you didn’t secure insurance earlier, you can do it at any time. In the event you have access to an Indian Health Services facility like the Dallas Urban Inter-tribal Center, and are a registered member of a Nation, you are not required to have and pay for insurance.

As you may already know, under this law, the Internal Revenue Service has the responsibility to verify if you comply with the mandate. At first, it seemed to me to be odd that the IRS would be involved. However, when you see that they will fine you for not complying, it became clear why they are part of the process. Within the law there are other financial changes that went into effect on July 1 that might have an impact upon you in your federal tax filing for 2014.

For those of you who work for a company, the firm may ensure sufficient withholdings are taken from your earnings to keep you from any potential penalties. However, if you own your own business, you may want to look at your prepayments to be sure you do not under-report. The top income tax bracket tax rate increased from 35 percent to 39.6 percent. The

income payroll tax benchmark increased from 37.4 percent to 52.2 percent. Capital gains tax rate is increased from 15 percent to 28 percent. Dividends tax rate increased from 15 percent to 39.6 percent. And estate tax has increased from zero percent to 55 percent. This information is being highlighted in the event you may be impacted by one or more of these areas. If you think you may be, you should check with your financial advisor to see if you need to make any adjustments to your tax prepayments.

There was also another change included in the law that has me wondering. At the moment, I see no real need for concern. The definition of a "bank" also changed. Prior to July 1, your funds deposited in the bank was your money on deposit. After July 1, that money is no longer officially yours but a loan you have made to the bank and is now listed as an asset to them rather than a liability. As a loan, they may no longer have the fiduciary responsibility to safeguard the funds and return them upon demand. I will be checking with my own financial advisor to see if there is any reason to be concerned, since as far as I know the federal guarantee on your deposits up to \$250,000 did not change. But it may

be worth looking into.

As a quick reminder: If you are not registered to vote in the Nov. 2014 election for our congressmen and congresswomen representing us in Washington D.C., you have until October 6 to register to vote. Your local library will have the form to register.

Before closing, I do want to say I am very proud to represent you, and thank you for electing me to serve. My mission is to be here if you have any questions or need direction or information on what services and benefits the Nation may be able to provide. So please contact me if you feel I can assist you in any of these areas.

Bama pi,
Bob Whistler/Bmashi (He soars)

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District 4 – Jon Boursaw



District 4 meeting in Rossville, Sept. 27:
I will host a District meeting in the CPN Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. I plan to provide an update on the Nation, discuss the benefits and other resources available to CPN members from the Nation, and give a brief history of the CPN. Lunch will be catered by Puffy’s. If you haven’t already RSVP’d please do so as soon as possible so we can have an idea of how many will be attending.
To RSVP call me at 785-861-7272,

e-mail me at jon.boursaw@potawatomi.org or e-mail Jamie Moucka at jmoucka@potawatomi.org.
Gathering of the Potawatomi 2014:
I was able to attend the Gathering which was hosted this year by the Gun Lake Potawatomi located near Grand Rapids, Mich. This was the first time Gun Lake has hosted the Gathering and they did a superb job. Of particular significance was the individual recognition they gave to Curtis Wright, a CPN Veteran, who lives in Shawnee, Okla. Curtis served in WWII and saw combat action in

the Battle of the Bulge, while serving under General Patton.
CPN District 4 Veterans:
Speaking of veterans, I plan to host a veteran event on or about November 11. I will have further details in the October edition of the *Hownikan*.
Bourbonnais Bridge Signs update:
I’ve been informed by the Kansas Department of Transportation that the new bridge signs have been ordered and are expected to be installed in the near future.

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District 5 – Gene Lambert



Potawatomi Way.

Our people seem to be more willing to go that extra step or drive the extra mile to contribute. That is what we are all about!

Last night I had the opportunity to meet several new members to our District 5 during a naming and a feather gifting at my home.

To share your home with family can be an awakening to all as to who you are on a personal level. It was definitely my honor in that I live so far out.

One drove almost 90 miles, while another drove 65. They live in Arizona. On the other hand we had Kevin and Jon Hastings, who came in from Los Angeles and Anji Hastings from Los Vegas for their mother, Cheryl’s naming.

I am always in amazement at any Potawatomi gatherings. There are stories shared and sometimes life changing events happen.

Each ceremony is unlike the last and adds more depth and meaning to our families as a whole. It widens the touch of spirit... the Citizen

Cheryl Sorrento received her name last night and her family was there to witness as it is now her intent to name them. Connie Giffin and Larry Watson were her sponsors as they received their name over a year ago.

Being able to gift Connie Giffin, Larry Watson and Cheryl Sorrento their first Eagle Feather from our Eagle Aviary in Shawnee was a first for me. Eagle Feathers are special of course no matter where they originate. However, having our own magnificently cared for is of the highest honor.

A special thanks to Justin Neely for his never-ending guidance and patience in the naming process. His commitment to the growth of people now able to speak the Potawatomi language is always above and beyond.

Warmest Personal Regards,
Eunice Imogene Lambert



Larry Watson, Cheryl Sorrento, Gene Lambert and Connie Giffin.

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District 6 – Rande K. Payne



just a few days ago. The loan process on such a large property was excruciatingly painful and seemingly endless but we endured!

In the midst of all that turmoil my oldest sister passed away on July 31 leaving our family looking for answers and holding on by sheer faith. Everything happened so fast that it’s still hard to believe she could be gone that suddenly. Jeanne was only 71 years old. Rest peacefully sweet sister.

The emotions have for obvious reasons been all over the board for the last few months. At times I have even felt like Job in the bible but caught myself and counted my blessings and found a great deal to be thankful for.

One of the things I’m thankful for is that my youngest daughter Melissa was able to refinance her home just last month. She was able to qualify for HUD’s Section 184 program for Native Americans and Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s First National

Ahau Jayek,

It seems like such a long time since I wrote my last column. That was just before Family Reunion Festival in late June and now it’s the middle of August. Kids are back at school already! Where did the summer go?

So much has happened in that span of time. We’ve sold our old house, been homeless for nearly 6 weeks and finally moved into our country home

Bank is an approved lender for the program.

The program is intended for Native Americans wanting to purchase, build or refinance a home. The home must be the primary residence. The interest rates are touted to be better than conventional lending but I would just say they are competitive. The program also talks about no mortgage insurance, but beware. While there are no monthly mortgage insurance charges rolled into the monthly mortgage payments, there is a one-time mortgage insurance fee included in the cost of the loan. But if you plan to be in the loan for any length of time the one-time fee is significantly less than the monthly payments in the long run. Credit scores are always important with regards to determining the interest rate for your loan and with conventional loans important for qualifying as well. Not so much as far as the qualifying for a Section 184 loan. They are a little more lenient with lower credit scores as far as qualifying for the loan but your

interest rate will be a little higher. But this helps those that otherwise wouldn’t even qualify.

Jeff Scroggins and Rachel Vallandingham were great to work with at First National Bank. While I was in Oklahoma for Festival I took a minute to stop in and talk to Jeff and Rachel. They were very informative about the program and eager to help process Melissa’s loan. I was more than happy to help Melissa with her loan and I wanted to learn more about the program. I’m not an expert by any means but I am available to help with information regarding the Section 184 home loan program. Please call or e-mail.

Another bright spot of late was Melissa being able to utilize the Tribe’s home loan closing cost benefit of \$2,125. As you can imagine she was surprised to learn she qualified for this benefit by just being a citizen of the Tribe. She is very appreciative that the tribe would help her in this way. She said that Sherry Byers at the

CPN Housing Authority made the process so easy.

Earlier I mentioned counting my blessings. I feel it is important to mention that I consider it a blessing to be Potawatomi. I also consider it a blessing to be your representative. I don’t have words to express my gratitude.

“Rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:7

Bama pi,
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District 7 – Mark Johnson



Bozho nikanek,

Another year's Family Festival has come and gone. This year's Festival was attended by well over 4,000 members from across the county, and as always, memories to last a lifetime were made. It is always a special time in my life to go home to Shawnee. Walking in the pecan grove where my father played as a child, visiting the family grave site in the Tecumseh Cemetery or just sitting with family friends discussing the news of the day is what has kept me grounded in life. I have never been prouder to serve you as your District 7 legislative representative.

Bozho Nikanek: Hello friends
Bama mine: Later again
Bama pi: Later on
Anwe she shena: I'm fine

As we work past the difficulties with the City of Shawnee and those who seek to disparage the CPN, great opportunities lay before us. I assure you that your tribal government will seize those opportunities to strengthen our positions and protect the interests of our members, because there will always be the next time some misguided politician thinks they can impose their will on a sovereign Nation.

As I write this article, California and the remainder of the West are suffering through the worst drought conditions that many of us, who were born in this part of the country, can remember. Tens of thousands of

acres across the state have already burned, and the state still has months of burning season left. If you are fortunate like me and get to live in the beautiful golden brown foothills of California, please, please, have a plan in place in case of a wildfire in your area. Have your important papers and irreplaceable items gathered where you can scoop them up and leave if ordered to do so. But most of all, remember nothing you own is worth your life or the life of a loved one. So if you are asked to evacuate your home, please do so. The professionals will do everything they can to protect your property.

Once again I would like to say what

an honor and privilege it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to.

Migwetch,
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Anwe she shena: I'm fine	Bozho Nikan: Hello friend	Egwien: Heartfelt thanks	Mno gishget: Good day/ nice day	Ni je ezhewebek?: What's happening?
Bama mine: Later again	Cho: No	Konege: Yes	Mno waben: Good morning	
Bama pi: Later on	Cho gego: Nothing	Migwetch: Thank you	Ni je na?: How are you?	
Bozho Nikanek: Hello friends	Dokem: Be quiet	Megwa ne?: More?		

District 8 – Dave Carney



Greetings!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

On July 26th, in Post Falls, Idaho, we had an intimate naming with eight CPN members receiving their Potawatomi names. This gathering was largely made up of the Bourassa Family. One of things that made this morning so special was the love and respect those gathered had for their patriarch, Rich Richard, Sr. I had the honor of naming this wise elder and retired judge a couple of years earlier in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. An awesome man with a sharp mind!

Just about a week later, on July 31, we had a naming on the beach in Quilcene, Wash. This location on Hood Canal

was beautiful and the weather was breezy, but sunny. Several generations of Le Claires meet annually as part of their family tradition. The spot is affectionately known as “Grandpa’s Beach” and the same spirit of love and respect for the Skalabrin matriarch and patriarch were felt and demonstrated. These are examples of Potawatomi lives well lived!

The District 8 office has relocated. It appears that the area that my office was in before has become the “weed corridor” of Olympia. The smell was not appealing and it was time to move. As of August 1, the new location and mailing address is:

CPN District 8
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Olympia, WA 98506

The phone number and e-mail continue to be the same, and the best ways to reach me are dcarney@potwatomi.org and 360-259-4027.

Please save the date of November 15 for our annual Fall Feast. It will be located in Portland, Ore. at NAYA (Native America Youth and Family Center). This will be an evening meeting with dinner provided, presentations and possible crafts and drumming. More details will be forthcoming, but the date and venue are set!

Another great way to stay in touch with the district is through the “District 8 Citizen Potawatomi” group on Facebook. If you “do” Facebook, please consider joining the other 139

members on the site. It is non-political and a great way to virtually connect with your CPN family.

As usual, I enjoy hearing from you, so don’t hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,
Dave Carney/Kagashi (Raven)

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District 10 – David Barrett



Bozho,

Here I go, bragging about our Potawatomi Leadership Program kids again. Each year for the past five or six years I have made it a must-do to attend the PLP Final Presentations.

Each of the nine students will discuss what they have gained from their PLP experience during their six week stay this summer. This is called their individual reflections. They also participate in four group projects which are presented at the end.

Before I briefly tell you about the projects presented, I want to give our membership a kind of pause regarding our young folks. After listening to them over the years, my confidence in them should lay your concerns about

our future generations at ease.

These young people have new technology skills, personal drives, and cultural cravings, along with a strong demonstration for meeting the needs for our people by improving their lives. Most of all, they want to become very much involved with our Nation's culture, customs, and language.

From the following projects you will come to understand what I mean.

Project 1: Potawatomi Scholar's Society

While attending the June 30 CPN Legislative session, Nick Smith, Isaac Morris and Adam Basappa heard our discussion about the incredibly high dropout rate in high schools. Inspired by this, they came up with a Potawatomi Scholar’s Society. They were aware of other societies around, but this society was created with the explicit intention of benefitting Native Youths.

Adam: “This was without a doubt one of the most fulfilling summers I have ever had—building a sweat and being on the air at KGFF.”

Project 2: Youth Clothing Program

Brook Nakvinda and Jacki Nadeau outlined the creation of a CPN Youth Clothing Program. They saw a need and researched other tribes to come up with their project. You see what I’m saying: show a youth a problem and they will resolve it.

Reflections:

Brook: “I learned this summer something that will stick with me forever, that I am not *part* Potawatomi. I *am* Potawatomi, and proud of it.”

Jacki: “I had attended Festival before, but coming to the PLP made a world of difference about the tribe, especially attending the Moon Ceremony and attending three naming ceremonies.”

Reunion Festival. Their project was to create a smart phone app. Right at the tips of their fingers, tribal members could be educated. There would be 7 different options when you open the app, including tabs for a schedule, socialize, family history, government, registration, map and powwow guidelines. What an idea!

Reflections:

Kristi: “In history, our identity was taken away from us, but today no one can take away my identity as a Native American.”

Lydia: “Any Native American interactions I had through school or forced clubs were primarily with Coastal Native Americans who professed loudly that they were deeply connected to their culture and tribal family, making me feel like I was ‘less Native’ than they were. These were not emotions that I was proud of, but through the Potawatomi Leadership Program, I saw a glimmer of a chance to reconnect with some of my people.”

word out for PLPs.

Reflections:

Moniece: “I would not take this experience back for anything in the world.”

Parker: “I’ve learned things here that I will never forget, and I know the importance of helping out the Tribe. This program made a total transformation on me. I now know what it means to be a Potawatomi.”

Now you know why I would not miss the blessing and enthusiasm that pours out of those who attend.

Thank you Tesia Zientek, Austen Roselius and Margaret Zientek, for always inviting our Legislators to attend, plus the work you perform with those young folks.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and the Nation.

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District 13 – Bobby Bowden



As I write this article I find myself reflecting on this past Family Reunion Festival. Each year I am touched by the sight of the families attending with a true desire to learn about our Tribe’s history and traditions. It was my honor and pleasure to speak with a few of our elders about regalia and there is always something for them to teach me.

Festival is a perfect time to learn and be more prepared next year with proper regalia for Grand Entry. It can get very expensive. For that I try to add a new piece to my regalia each year. Please do

not let the expense or any lack of knowledge overwhelm you. We are blessed to have so many Tribal members and employees who are more than willing to share their knowledge and give direction on where to begin putting your regalia together. I am more than happy to help and or get you in touch with those that will direct you on the right path.

On another note a new school year is quickly approaching. Most public schools offer some tutoring and Indian Education Programs. I encourage each

of you with children to inquire at your child’s school for information on programs that are offered. It is important that we take advantage of these opportunities for our children. They are our leaders of tomorrow.

I would also like to mention the wonderful job our public relations department is doing through the website and social media. Please take the time to browse the web site (www.potawatomi.org). There is always new information being posted there, as well as on Facebook and other social

networking sites.

If I may be of any assistance please feel free to call or email me and I will do my very best to help!

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you and our great Nation.

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The CPN Veterans Organization is seeking members of the armed forces who served from

August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975

in preparation of organizing a Vietnam Era Veterans' Banquet.

In future editions of the *Hownikan*, a list of all members will be published. If you fit the criteria but do not see your name, please contact CPN Legislator David Barrett (dbarrett@potawatomi.org).

Please send inquiries to Commander Daryl Talbot (talbotok@sbcglobal.net) or CPN Legislator David Barrett.

Chairman – John Barrett



Bozho Nikan,

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation lost a great friend, and a very wise and compassionate jurist in the recent passing of Justice Lawrence Wapehpah. “The Judge” was one of our original Tribal Supreme Court Justices, starting in 1986 when the Courts were formed. He was called a Lay Judge at that time, meaning he was not a lawyer. Lawrence was selected for his wisdom, native language skills and especially his understanding of traditional Indian conflict resolution. He was especially effective as a judge in working with young people. I never heard a single person who appeared before him say that he or she had been treated

unfairly. He was a Navy Veteran of WWII, a member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma, and attended school with my mother and many of her brothers and sisters. He will be remembered as a kind and gentle man with a great sense of humor, a long-time singer with Rough Arrow Drum, a great father and grandfather, and the possessor of the smoothest golf swing I ever saw. He could light up a room with his smile. I will miss him greatly.

Reflecting on the history of our Tribal Court, I believe its formation to be one of the greatest turning points in our tribal history. Before that, our “government” had no body of written law, save the resolutions and motions made in Business Committee and General Council Meetings. If such actions could be considered laws, we had no means of enforcement described in our constitution. Even worse, we often did not have the will to make fair decisions since we had no rules to make the actions of the government fair and impartial.

While we had what was called a Grievance Committee in our constitution, it had no procedural rules, no qualifications for its three members, and heard only complaints against elected officials. It was so politicized at times that it had to be

restrained by the courts. But there was one beacon of light. All during our long and painful emergence as a fully formed government, through five constitutional changes, through landmark court rulings, and through many, many contentious (even violent) tribal meetings, we had one constant and consistent judicial resource: Chief District Court Judge Phillip Lujan.

More than 30 years ago, beginning as one of the first Indian CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Court judges in the entire United States, Judge Lujan and a small group of young Indian law school graduates set about creating the “rule of law” in Indian Country through the very limited, and often apathetic, court system provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. To call it a “system” is generous. But it was a starting point, and one that these men, many of whom have now “walked on,” made a life’s work. And in doing so, made real governments out of chaos.

Judge Lujan continues in his role for our Courts, both as Chief District Judge and Court Administrator. Recollecting how far we have come, and the nature of the struggle, makes me ever more grateful for his talent and dedication. While we have not

always seen eye-to-eye, he has always made the future of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the welfare of its people his first concern. He has always been fair and mindful of the “big picture” in his decisions. We do not take the time to thank him very often, but that does not mean we are any less grateful.

Talking about the form of Tribal Government can be dry stuff for many. History is more real for those who lived it. But for those who are coming into Tribal government, the future has huge potential.

We are at a crossroads, as the old chestnut goes. Or perhaps the best description is “tipping point.” We find ourselves in deep conflict with our neighbor city, Shawnee. This is a sign of our success, since they ignored us until they saw we had some money they might try to seize. There are several solutions to this conflict, the most promising being the election of fair-minded, informed officials to Shawnee City Government. As Citizen Potawatomi Nation citizens who live in Shawnee, Oklahoma, we have the responsibility and privileges of dual citizenship. It is time for us to take a more active role in our duties as Oklahomans who live in the City of Shawnee. When the City foolishly

puts its tribal neighbors in peril, it is our responsibility to set in motion a remedy. Progress is not a “zero-sum game” as Mayor Wes Mainord, Commissioner Keith Hall and Commissioner James Harrod would have the people believe. Tribal progress does not come at a cost to the City of Shawnee. We are contributors: our job creation is the most essential element in the continued growth of Shawnee’s tax revenues and civic gain.

If any of you have a chance to play an active part in this epic challenge to our very existence, please do so. Talk to your neighbors; go to City Commission meetings; enlist the help and prayers of those in your church; encourage Commissioner Michael Dykstra, Commissioner Lesa Shaw, and Commissioner Linda Agee in their fight to bring Shawnee back on track. There is so much to be gained for our whole community.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Tribal Chairman.

Migwetch,
John Rocky Barrett/Kewooge
(He leads them home)

Vice-Chairman – Linda Capps



Our Nation has hosted a number of high-profile federal officials over the past year, including Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn, Congressmen Tom Cole and James Lankford. We can now add Esther George, President of the Federal Reserve Board of Kansas City to that prestigious list. George is a very accomplished and eloquent speaker who is an expert on U.S. monetary policy and International central banking issues. During a

luncheon at the Grand Hotel Ball Room, George spoke to area business leaders and local officials about the state of the American economy and its monetary policies.

As a member of the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma City Branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, I was extremely proud to host the meeting at our Nation. Having someone with Esther George’s experience in U.S. monetary policy speak to an audience outside of the major metropolitan areas like Oklahoma City and Tulsa is an extreme honor to our Nation and the Shawnee area. It is just not something that happens every day in our area.

The trip to Shawnee was part of a larger outreach effort by Federal Reserve Banks across the U.S. to meet with business and community leaders to inform them of the Fed’s latest actions on the country’s fiscal health. George predicted that the American economy would continue its slow and steady growth for the rest of the year, but warned about the threat of rising inflation.

The main purpose of the Kansas City Federal Reserve President’s trip was business, but on July 9, George took time to tour the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s facilities with Chairman Barrett and me, including a visit to the always popular CPN Eagle Aviary. Her stop in Indian Country was also indicative of the growing economic clout Native American businesses bring to rural areas of many U.S. states. CPN and its fellow Tribes have become regular stops for Federal officials and politicians seeking to interact with citizens outside of the major metropolitan areas, a trend that is likely to continue.

President George is such a special person because she cares about the people and how U.S. monetary policy influences all Americans. She has a heart for low- and moderate-income people, just as she cares for those who are in a higher income bracket. I am especially impressed because of her genuine interest in our Tribal Nation’s economic welfare.

Other special guests at the luncheon meeting were Senior Vice President



K.C. Federal Reserve Board President Esther George visited the aviary.

Diane Raley of the Kansas City Federal Reserve and Chad Wilkerson Vice President, Economist, and Oklahoma City Branch Executive. Most of the other board members of the Oklahoma City Branch Bank were there also.

I am proud to say that I can always count on our employees to be the true

“show case” whenever we host guests at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Migwetch,
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Bonita Coder Claunch

Bonita Coder Claunch passed away at home with family and friends at her side on June 6, 2014.

Memorial services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at the Emken-Linton Funeral Home in Texas City. Burial followed at Galveston Memorial Park. There was a gathering of her friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Emken-Linton Funeral Home in Texas City prior to the service.

Bonita was born in Junction City, Kansas to Robert R. Coder and Bonnie (Eggenberger) Coder on December 5, 1943. She married the love of her life, Fred E. Claunch on June 7, 1961 in Albuquerque, N.M. They moved to Texas City in 1965.

Bonita worked for J. C. Penney for 30 plus years, retiring in 2010.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Claunch and her father, Robert Coder. Bonita is survived by her mother, Bonnie Coder; son, Robert B. Claunch and wife, Shannon; grandchildren Alexandria and Grayson Claunch; many aunts, uncles and cousins and a longtime friend, Charlotte Whearley and husband, John.

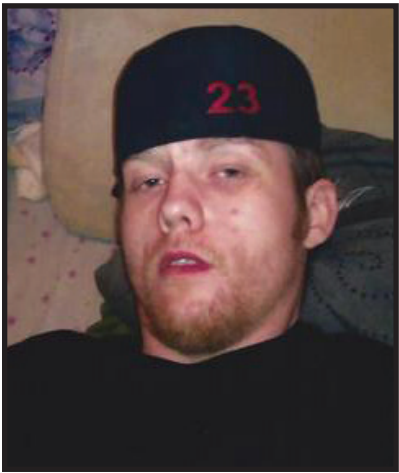
In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice Care Team, Inc. in Texas City.



Teresa Anne Fehlig

Teresa Anne Fehlig, 85, passed away April 15, 2014 in Oklahoma City. She was born October 24, 1928 in Kansas City to John and Janice Fehlig.

Teresa is survived by her sister Irene Lynch and husband Robert; 6 nieces and nephews; 9 great-nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at St. Damien of Molokai with Graveside services 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at Forest Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Mo.



Austin Michael Johnson

Austin Michael Johnson was born September 3, 1986 in Claremore, Okla. to his parents, Diana Beth Shelton and Fredrich Michael Johnson, and lived in the Rocky Point area of Wagoner, Okla. for fifteen years before moving to Tulsa and graduating from Rogers High School.

Although he was disabled due to an accident early in his life, Austin enjoyed his life to its fullest. As a friend said, Austin may have been in a wheelchair, but he stood taller and lived stronger than any man he knew. Austin passed from this life on Sunday,

June 1, 2014 at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa at the young age of 27 years, 8 months and 29 days. He was preceded in death by his father.

Austin is survived by his loving family who will miss him dearly, including his mother, Diana Shelton of the home; three sisters, Rachel Johnson of Tulsa, Okla. and Brandy Martin and Jacqueline Martin, both of Nashville, Tenn.; by three children, Reuben Ray, Austin Michael, and Whitney Lynn Johnson; and by other relatives and many friends.

A Wake Service was held Saturday, June 7, 2014 at Rocky Point Beach on Fort Gibson Lake north of Wagoner, Okla., beginning at 1 p.m. Cremation arrangements are being handled by Mallett Funeral Home in Wagoner.



Steven McGough

Steven McGough, age 60, of Clovis, N.M. passed away on May 21, 2014, at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas.

Steven was born to Robert C. and Alma (Cox) McGough on August 30, 1953. He was born and raised in Clovis and graduated from Clovis High in 1971.

He married Cynthia Burch on September 23, 1972, in Clovis, N.M. He attended and graduated from Oklahoma State Tech, Olkmulgee, Okla. with a degree in Auto Mechanics in 1974. He worked as an ASE Certified Auto Mechanic at Rierson Pontiac, GMC as well as Doc Stewart Chevrolet, until 1991.

He enjoyed cars, especially antique models. His lifelong hobby was his 1955 Chevrolet Belair, aka, "Black Beauty." He was a member of the Desert Cruzers Car Club for many years. He and longtime partner Susie Hall enjoyed the Cruzers, car shows and activities, as they shared an interest and had many friends.

He loved to work in his yard, as well as walk and spend time with his canine friend Pepper, who was always by his side.

Steven is survived by a daughter, Jennifer Hart and son-in-law James, as well as a son, Jeffrey Lynn McGough of Clovis. Also, his Susie Hall of Clovis. Her two sons, Neal Hall, and Travis Hall, wife Carla. Three grandchildren, Tanner, Trevor, and Treyla Autrey of Clovis, whom he loved and enjoyed very much. He also spent time with Susie's grandchildren Andrew, Landry, Elizabeth, Cheyenne, Allison and Emma Hall.

He leaves three brothers, Robert McGough (Kaye) of Carthage, Texas, and Kenneth McGough of Fla.; two sisters, Tanya Skaggs (Randy) of Clayton, N.M., and Valinda Young (Alan) of Midland, Texas, along with several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Robert C. and Alma McGough

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at Steed-Todd Chapel. Burial followed at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens in Clovis, N.M.

Pallbearers were Jeff Lynn McGough, Travis Hall, Neal Hall, Steve Garcia, Tanner Autrey, Trevor Autrey, Brian Cherry, Cody Crowder. Honorary pallbearers are all of his car club family and friends.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Steed-Todd Funeral Home and Crematory, 800 E Manana Blvd, Clovis, N.M. (575) 763-5541. You may also sign the online guest registry at www.steedtodd.com.



Emily Lillian (Bertrand) Scott

Emily Lillian (Bertrand) Scott, 96, of Asher, died Wednesday, May 14, 2014 in Tecumseh.

Emily was born May 2, 1918, in Wanette to Benjamin Howard and Gertrude Mae (Weddle) Bertrand.

Emily enjoyed cooking in the Wanette school cafeteria while her son attended there. Later she traveled with her husband, Fred, as he worked with a crew installing pipelines across the country. After returning home to Wanette, she and Fred operated a dry good store. She loved being outdoors in the garden and spending time with her family.

Emily was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Fred Scott, March 18, 1992; and son, R. Larry Scott, Sr., March 1, 1995. She is survived by daughter-in-law, Carolyn Scott of Shawnee; grandson, R. Larry Scott, Jr. of Shawnee; granddaughter and husband, Stacy and Bobby Baxter of Sapulpa; great-grandson, Josh Scott of Seminole; sister, Agnes Hopkins of California; and a number of very special nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation was held 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 17, 2014 and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, May 18, 2014. Family gathering to meet with friends was from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 18, 2014 at Cooper Funeral Home. Service was at 1:00 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2014 at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Clint Dawkins, Sharon Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed at Wanette Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh.



Richard Loren Parrish

Richard Loren Parrish, 81, of Cordell, Okla. passed away on April 29, 2014. He was born in Anadarko, Okla. on April 13, 1933 to Tullie and Lucille Parrish. He graduated from Anadarko High School then served his country in the US Army during the Korean War. Following his military service, Mr. Parrish married Lavada Ratliff on December 29, 1952. He worked in sales through Oklahoma Drug Company then owned and operated an independent Borden's franchise from which he retired in 1992. Richard and Lavada traveled the forty-eight continental states plus Alaska on their BMW motorcycle then continued their travels through the love of RV-ing. Retirement didn't suit him, so Richard contributed his time and skills to area farmers, served as a Texas State Park Volunteer for seventeen years, then at age 78 began a new career adventure with his buddy Dave Bryant as a driver for Safeway and Quality bus transport companies. Since 1963, he was a

faithful member of Cordell First Baptist Church and called Jesus Christ his Savior and Lord. He endeared himself to those he met and to his community with his upbeat spirit, his trademark cheerful whistle, and exemplary work ethic.

Mr. Parrish is survived by his life-long love, his wife of sixty-one years Lavada. His children are Ricki Robertson and husband Jim, Dale Parrish and wife Lee Ann, and Cindy Harris. He was proud of his seven grandchildren Chris and Kelli Robertson, Craig Robertson, Ryan Parrish Robertson, Meagan Meadows and husband Josh, McKynna Teel, Zachary Loren Harris, as well as, his three great-grandchildren Molly and Macy Robertson and Luca Warde. Brothers Alfred, John, and Cloyd as well as numerous extended family members also survive Mr. Parrish.

Funeral arrangements were held at Ray and Martha's Funeral Home of Hobart. A Celebration of Life service was held at Cordell First Baptist Church on Friday, May 2 at 10 a.m. followed by burial at the Cordell Lawnview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Cordell First Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 287, Cordell, OK 73632.

A memorial service was held on Sunday June 8, 2014 at 11 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building 3339 E. 13 St. The Dalles, Ore. Memorial contributions may be sent to 1424 E. 12th St. The Dalles, Ore., 97058. You may phone the following if any questions. (541) 296-0670.



Carl Leslie Ziegler

Rev. Carl Leslie Ziegler, age 82, of Old Cox Rd., Asheboro died Friday, March 22, 2013 at his home.

Mr. Ziegler was born October 23, 1930 in Shawnee, Okla., the son of Locky and Faye Akin Garner.

Rev. Ziegler was a part of the Potawatomi Indian Nation, his Potawatomi name was Numat which means "He prays for others." He also served in the US Army following the Korean Conflict and was a kind and compassionate man who will be greatly missed. He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill, from Wake Forest Divinity School and with a Master's of Education from UNC-Greensboro. He taught at Asheboro High School and retired from Randolph Community College, where he was a shining light to his coworkers and students. He founded the Randolph County Vocational Workshop. He was presented the Civilian of the Year Award by the Asheboro Citizens. He pastored many churches in North and South Carolina, over the years, including McBee Baptist; Faith Baptist, Darlington; Westfield Creek Baptist; Beaufort Baptist and Oakwood Park Baptist in Asheboro, from which he retired. In addition to his parents, Carl was preceded in death by his brother, Worthy Garner.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ann Cagle Ziegler; daughter and her husband, Buffie (Elizabeth) and Phil Parrish of Brown Summit, N.C.; son and his wife: Lee and Cheryl Ziegler of Chattanooga, Tenn.; son and his wife, Lowell and Yvonne Ziegler of Garner, N.C.; daughter and her husband, Rosanah and Jeff Foster of Van Wert, Ohio; grandchildren, Adam and Kate Parrish, Luke Ziegler, Emma, Rachel and Kate Bossong, Jordan and Braden Ziegler, Joseph and Leslie Anne Foster, and grandson and his wife, Zack and Jill Ziegler; and one brother, Robert Garner.

The funeral was held Monday, March 25, 2013, at 2 p.m. at Oakhurst Baptist Church, 2225 South Fayetteville Street, Asheboro with Dr. Richard Crider, Chaplain Tim Pheagin and Patricia Gaines officiating. A private family burial was held. The family will receive friends following the Funeral Service in the Church Fellowship hall.

The family would like to acknowledge the compassionate care given Carl by Patricia Gaines and Frances Hoskie.

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